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FOR THE YEAR 1883.

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- " v, in "Directors of Home Missions," for Rev. L. F. Bristol, read Rev. F. L. Bristol; and for Rev. T. J. Colton, read Rev. T. G. Colton.
- " 8, in "Directors of Home Missions," for Page F. Mc-Clelland, read Rev. Page F. McClelland; and for Rev. T. J. Colton, read Rev. T. G Colton.
- " "11, under topic, "Manual," omit the two lines. "It was also voted that after revision by the author the paper be published in the minutes. (See Appendix E.)" And compare with first paragraph on page 20.
- " 17, insert between second and third line the caption, "State Denominational Paper."
- " 71, for "Darius Bettes—without charge," read "Darius Bettes—minister."
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OF THE

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OF THE

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES

OF MICHIGAN

AT THEIR MEETING IN

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WITH AN APPENDIX.

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| Rev. A. S. Kedzie, | Rev. Richard Lewis, | Rev. M. W. Fairfield. |

NEXT MEETING.

The next Meeting will be held at Port Huron on the third Wednesday in May, 1884, beginning at 7:30 o'clock, P. M.

N. B.—A copy of all records of Councils are by vote of the General Association, requested to be forwarded to the Secretary for preservation.

Dui System of Benevolences.

- THE CONGREGATIONAL PUBLISHING SOCIETY—January and February.
 M. C. HAZARD, Western S. S. Secretary, Chicago, Ill.
- 2. THE CONGREGATIONAL UNION—March and April. H. O. Pinneo, Treasurer, 58 Bible House, New York City.
- 3. MICHIGAN CONGREGATIONAL MINISTERIAL RELIEF SOCIETY-May. Rev. W. B. WILLIAMS, Secretary and Treasurer, Charlotte, Mich.
- 4. AMERICAN HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY—June. Rev. A. H. Clapp, D. D., Treasurer, 34 Bible House, New York City.
- 5. THE WESTERN EDUCATION SOCIETY—July and August. LYMAN BAIRD, Esq., Treasurer, Chicago, Ill.
- 6. THE AMERICAN MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION—September. H. W. HUBBARD, Treasurer, 56 Reade Street, New York City.
- 7. THE AMERICAN BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS—October.

 LANGDON S. WARD, Treasurer, Congregational House, Boston, Mass.
- 8. NEW WEST EDUCATION COMMISSION—November.
 WILLIAM H. HUBBARD, Treasurer, 387 LaSalle Avenue, Chicago, Ill.
- 9. AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY—December. BIBLE HOUSE, New York City.

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MINUTES.

THE GENERAL ASSOCIATION of the Congregational Churches of Michigan held its forty-second Annual Meeting with the Church in the city of Manistee, beginning May 16, 1883, at $7\frac{1}{2}$ o'clock P. M. The opening sermon was preached by Rev. Theodore P. Prudden, of Lansing, from Luke 17: 20-21; "And when he was demanded of the Pharisees, when the kingdom of God should come, he answered them and said, The kingdom of God cometh not with observation; Neither shall they say, Lo here! or lo there! for, behold, the kingdom of God is within you."

At the close of the sermon, the Association, in the absence of the retiring Moderator, was called to order by the Pastor of the Church, Rev. E. B. Fairfield. Rev. Wolcott B. Williams was elected Moderator; Rev. William W. Lyle, Assistant Moderator; Rev. W. S. Bugbey, Scribe, and Rev. D. Payson Breed, Assistant Scribe. The Moderator took the chair and led in prayer. After the appointment of Rev. I. W. McKeever to conduct the devotional exercises at 10 o'clock Thursday morning, the Association adjourned with prayer by Rev. S. S. Palmer, to 8:30 o'clock Thursday morning.

Second Day—Thursday Morning.

The Association met according to adjournment. At 8:30 o'clock the Moderator took the chair, and prayer was offered by Rev. N. D. Glidden.

MEMBERS.

The roll of members was read by the Secretary, which when completed was as follows:

CHEBOYGAN CONFERENCE— DELEGATES. CHURCHES. MINISTERS. Banks...... Dea. W. C. Byers. Kalkaska......Rev. T. Arthur Porter..... MancelonaRev. Seward S. Palmer.....J. B. Willitts. Northport......Rev Page F. McClelland...Dea. Wm. Thomas. Rev. Charles H. Beale. CHIPPEWA AND MACKINAC CONFERENCE— NaubinwayRev. Isaac G. Gordon..... EASTERN CONFERENCE— Detroit 1st......Dea. H. E. Baker. Detroit 2nd.....Rev Moses Smith..... Detroit, Trumb'll ave Rev. Robt. W. Wallace..... OakwoodRev. Elihu Loomis..... Port HuronRev. A. Hastings Ross Utica.....Rev Malan H. Wright..... Rev. Philo R. Hurd, Rev. David C. McNair, Rev. N. Dimic Glidden. GENESEE CONFERENCE— Bay City...... Rev. William W. Lyle..... Dea. T. F. Langstaff BridgeportRev. Walter D. King..... East Saginaw Dea. Wm. Hamilton. East Tawas......Rev. Alfred T. Waterman..... Essexville.....Rev. John B. Dawson.... Grand Blanc.....Rev. Fayette Hurd.... IthacaRev. Frank L. Bristol....Mrs. F. L. Bristol. Laingsburg Isaac T. Hollister. St. Louis..... Rev. William C. Calland..... Vienna, Clio P. O. . . . Rev. Richard M. Burgess . . . A. F. Nichols.

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| | | ev. Leander Curtiss | |

Western Conference—(Continued)— CHURCHES. MINISTERS. DELEGATES. HartRev. Rufus W. Fletcher Muskegon......Rev. Miner W. Fairfield..... Olive & Robinson...Rev. Clarence Finster..... White Cloud.........Rev. John Jefferies.........W. F. Latham. WhitehallRev. Richard LewisByron Hammond. Rev. Adam S. Kedzie. Ministers HONORARY MEMBERS. Rev. J. B. Clark, Sec. of the A. H. M. S., New York City. Rev. L. H. Cobb, Sec. of the Am. Cong'l Union, New York City. Rev. S. O. Gilbert, of the *Congregationalist*, Chicago, Ill. Rev. S. L. Haight, of the Mich. Conf., M. E. Church. M. C. Hazard, Western Sunday School Secretary, Chicago, Ill. Rev. S. N. Hill, of the Synod of Michigan. Rev. H. L. Howard, of the Kansas General Association. Rev. S. J. Humphrey, Dist. Sec. of A. B. C. F. M., Chicago, Ill. Rev. Geo. P. Kimball, of the Ohio General Association. Rev. Franklin Noble, of the Presbytery of Nassau, N. Y. Rev. Arthur B. Penniman—Unassociated.

Order of Business.

Rev. J. Snashall, of the Baptist State Convention, of Michigan.

Rev. G. D. Pike, Sec. of A. M. A., New York City.

Rev. G. F. Wright, of Oberlin Theological Seminary.

The Business Committee recommended that the printed program be the order of the day, and their recommendation was adopted.

Election of Nominating Committee.

Rev. Moses Smith, Rev. Wm. R. Seaver and Wm. Chamber-lain were elected as Nominating Committee.

State of the Churches.

The Report on the State of the Churches was read by the Secretary, approved, and ordered to be printed in the Minutes. [See Appendix B.]

Necrology.

Rev. W. B. Williams, of the Committee on Necrology, presented a report which was recommitted for revision, and ordered to be printed in the Minutes as revised. [See Appendix C.]

Devotional Exercises.

A half hour was spent in devotional exercises, beginning at 10 o'clock, and led by Rev. I. W. McKeever.

Christian Education.

Rev. Chas. O. Brown addressed the Association upon the subject of Christian Education.

Chicago Theological Seminary.

Rev. A. S. Kedzie and Rev. S. O. Gilbert addressed the Association in behalf of Chicago Theological Seminary.

Ministerial Supply.

Rev. J. Morgan Smith read a paper on The Supply for the Ministry.

The following Memorial, from the Eastern Conference, touching the subject of Ministerial Supply, was presented by the Business Committee.

In behalf of the Eastern Conference of Congregational Churches in Michigan, To the General Association of Congregational Churches in Michigan.—Greeting.

Dear Brethren:-At the late Annual Meeting of the Eastern Con-

ference of Congregational Churches in Michigan, held at New Haven May 1-3, the Rev. Leroy Warren, Superintendent of Home Missions for this State, presented a paper upon the subject of ministers for our rapidly multiplying Churches, which so fully commended itself to the members of the Conference that the undersigned were appointed a committee to memorialize the General Association at this its 42nd Annual Meeting, and request of you a hearing of that paper and a consideration of this subject, which is now pressing itself so seriously upon the churches, not only of Michigan, but of the whole country. All of which is respectfully submitted.

MOSES SMITH,
A. HASTINGS ROSS,
ROBERT PARSONS,
Com. of Eastern Conference.

DETROIT, MAY 11, 1883.

The Memorial was received and the request granted. Rev. Leroy Warren then addressed the Association on the subject of Ministerial Supply.

The Association adjourned with prayer by Dea. M. B. Miller, until 1:30 p. M.

Thursday Afternoon.

The Association met according to adjournment, and was opened with prayer by Rev. E. Loomis.

Ministerial Relief Association.

Rev. W. B. Williams presented Articles of Incorporation of the Michigan Congregational Ministerial Relief Association. It was voted that the corporators named in the Articles of Incorporation be requested to perfect the incorporation of the proposed Relief Association, and that the churches be recommended to place it upon the list of their annual benevolences. [See Appendix D.] Rev. W. B. Williams, Treasurer of the funds for the aid of Disabled

Ministers and the families of Deceased Ministers presented his report and it was referred to the Finance Committee, which subsequently reported the account correct and their report was adopted.

Temperance.

Rev. D. Payson Breed, in behalf of the committee appointed at the last meeting of the General Association, to present to the Legislature a resolution on Temperance, adopted by this Association, reported the performance of that duty. The report was adopted.

Home Missions.

Rev. Leroy Warren presented the report of the State Executive Committee on Home Missions. [See Appendix, Home Missions in Michigan.]

Directors of Home Missions.

The Nominating Committee reported the following as the State Board of Directors for Home Missions and their report was adopted.

Rev. Leroy Warren, Superintendent.

Cheboygan Conference—Page F. McClelland.
Chippewa and Mackinac Conference—Rev Wm. G. Puddefoot.
Eastern Conference—Rev. A. Hastings Ross.
Genesee Conference—Rev F. L. Bristol.
Grand River Conference—H. J. Hollister.
Grand Traverse Conference—Rev. J. D. Millard.
Jackson Conference—Rev. W. H. Ryder.
Kalamazoo Association—Rev C. O. Brown.
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Northern Central Conference—Rev. R. M. Keyes.

Southern Michigan—Rev. T. J. Colton.

Western Conference—Rev. Richard Lewis.

Members at large—H. O. Hitchcock, M. D., Dea. L. W. Case, Dea. Edwin Cook, Dea. David Bemis.

Congregational Union.

Rev. Page F. McClelland submitted the report of the Committee on the Congregational Union. The Association was addressed by Rev. L. H. Cobb, D. D. of New York City, Secretary of the American Congregational Union in behalf of the work of that Society.

Fraternal Greetings.

The fraternal greetings of the Synod of Michigan were presented by Rev. S. N. Hill, of the Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church by Rev. G. L. Haight, and of the Baptist State Convention by Rev. J. A. Snashall.

Right of an Excluded Church or Minister to a Mutual Council.

Rev. A. Hastings Ross presented the following Preamble and Resolution respecting the right of an excluded church or minister to a mutual council, which were adopted.

Whereas, The membership of this body by its Constitution consists of churches and of ministers, "in regular standing in any local Conference or Association in this State, which assents to the Constitution of this General Association," and,

WHEREAS, It may occur that a church or minister, or both, may be unjustly excluded or expelled from said local Conference or Association, and so be deprived of fellowship in it, and in this General Association; therefore,

Resolved, That the General Association of Michigan deem it to be both orderly and expedient for a church or minister, that may be excluded or expelled from membership in any Association or Conference in connection, on grounds or charges claimed to be insufficient or false, to call the attention of the body doing the alleged wrong to the points of grievance, and to invite it to join in calling a mutual council to re-

view the case and advise in the matter, and on its refusal or neglect to do so, to call an ex-parte counsel for the same purposes.

The Association adjourned with prayer by Rev. Henry Marsh.

Thursday Evening.

The Association met according to adjournment, and was opened with prayer by Rev. D. Payson Breed.

New West Education Commission.

- Rev. J. L. Patton submitted the report of the Committee on the New West Education Commission.
- Rev. S. O. Gilbert, of Chicago, Illinois, Vice President of the Commission, addressed the Association.

Home Missions.

The claims of the American Home Missionary Society were presented by Rev. Leroy Warren, Superintendent of Home Missions in Michigan, Rev. J. B. Clark, Secretary of American Home Missionary Society, and Rev. W. G. Puddefoot.

Disabled Ministers.

A collection of \$68.64 was taken in behalf of Disabled Ministers.

The Association adjourned with prayer by Rev. W. H. Ryder, to $8\frac{1}{2}$ o'clock Friday morning.

Third Day-Friday Morning.

The Association met according to adjournment, and was opened with prayer by Rev. J. A. Barnes. The minutes of previous sessions were read and approved.

Manual.

The Committee on Preparation of a Manual reported a manual by titles, which was first commended to the churches for revision, but finally on reconsideration, the following resolution was adopted.

We have listened with deep interest to the outline of a Manual of Congregationalism, as reported by the Committee, and we recommend the author, Rev. A. H. Ross, to secure the publication of this manual at his earliest convenience, for the information and aid of Congregational churches, not only in our own State, but throughout the country.

It was also voted that after revision by the author, the paper be published in the minutes. [See Appendix E.]

Oberlin Theological Seminary.

Rev. E. B. Fairfield read the report of Rev. Zachary Eddy, of the Committee on Oberlin Theological Seminary.

Rev. G. F. Wright, of Oberlin Seminary, addressed the Association in behalf of that institution.

Devotional Exercises.

A half hour was spent in devotional exercises, beginning at 10 o'clock and led by H. J. Hollister.

Memorial from Kalamazoo Association.

The following Memorial from the Kalamazoo Association was referred to a special Committee:

To the General Association of Michigan:-At a meeting of the

Kalamazoo Association held at Benton Harbor, April 3rd, 4th and 5th, a committee was appointed to present to your honorable body the following recommendations:

- 1st. That we take up this work in the State in co-operation with the Congregational Publication Society.
- 2nd. That we appoint a Sunday School Board of one member from each local Conference or Association to be nominated by these Conferences or Associations respectively.
- 3rd. That we appoint a State Secretary who shall give his whole time to the work and whose salary and expenses shall be paid from collections taken from churches and schools.
- 4th. That we ask an annual collection from each Congregational Church and Sunday School within the bounds of the State to aid in carrying forward this work. We believe that in this way our Sunday School forces will be more thoroughly organized and prepared for effective work; Congregational Sunday Schools will be established and proper aid given where it is needed; Bibles, tracts, and publications of the Congregational Publishing Society may be distributed by sale or gift and so our whole denominational work will receive an inspiration and impulse that will tend greatly toward development and growth.

 I. W. McKeever.

Chairman of Committee.

Place of Next Meeting.

Port Huron was selected as the place of holding the next annual meeting of the Association.

Appointment of Committees.

The Nominating Committee reported the following committees, and their report was adopted.

On Benevolences—

A. B. C. F. M.—Rev. M. M. Martin.

American Missionary Association—Rev. Thomas Holmes.

Christian Education—Rev. R. W. Wallace.

American Bible Society—Rev. Geo. W. Bothwell.

New West Education Commission—Rev. H. H. Van Auken.

American Congregational Union—Rev. Richard Lewis.

To Visit Olivet College—

Rev. J. L. Patton, Rev. M. W. Fairfield and Dea. E. C. Leach.

To Visit Oberlin Seminary—Prof. Chas. K. Wead, Rev T. P. Prudden and Rev. O. H. Spoor.

On State of the Churches.—Rev. J. P. Sanderson, Rev. Elihu Loomis and Dea. Edwin Clark.

On Finance—Rev O. H. Spoor, Geo. E. Chatterton and Henry R. Lovell.

On Necrology—Rev. L. F. Waldo, Rev. Henry Marsh and Dea. A. McKenzie.

On Religious Exercises—Rev. E. B. Fairfield, Rev. W. E. Sillence and Dea. David Bemis.

Special Committee on Benevolences—Rev. W. C. Calland, and Dea. Wm. Hamilton.

On Memorial of Kalamazoo Association—Rev. W. H. Ryder, Rev. T. P. Prudden and M. B. Miller.

Preacher for Next Year.

The Business Committee nominated as Preacher for next year Rev. Franklin Noble as Primary and Rev. E. W. Miller as Alternate, and their nomination was approved.

The Association adjourned with prayer by Rev. N. D. Glidden, until 1:30 p. m.

Friday Afternoon.

The Association met according to adjournment and was opened with prayer by Rev. R. M. Burgess.

Delegates to the National Council.

The following persons were chosen delegates to the Nationa. Council:

Rev. A. Hastings Ross, Principal; Rev. Leroy Warren, Alternate.

Wm. Chamberlain, Principal; H. O. Hitchcock, Alternate. Byron M. Cutcheon, Principal; Rev. P. R. Hurd, Alternate.

Executive Committee on Home Missions.

Arthur O. Bement and E. F. Grabill were elected members of the Home Missionary Executive Committee.

Sunday Appointments.

The Committee on Religious Exercises reported the following appointments for Sunday services and their report was adopted:

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To preach in the Congregational Church—In the morning, Rev. W. H. Ryder; in the evening, Rev. Moses Smith and Mrs. Norton.

In the M. E. Church—In the morning Rev. J. L. Patton; in the evening, Rev. W. R. Seaver.

In the Baptist Church—In the morning, Rev. A. Hastings Ross; in the evening, Rev. W. C. Calland.

For the Communion Service—To preside at the table, Rev. Thomas Holmes and Rev. W. B. Williams; to serve at the table, Deas. H. E. Baker, L. W. Case, Dr. Ellis and B. M. Cutcheon.

American Bible Society.

Rev. T. G. Colton addressed the Association in the interest of the American Bible Society.

Treasurer's Report.

The Treasurer made his report which was referred to the Finance Committee. This Committee subsequently reported that they had examined the Treasurer's account and vouchers and found them correct, and their report was adopted. The Treasurer was instructed to draw from the general fund the sum of \$10.00 to meet all arrears due the National Council. [See Appendix A].

Business Committee.

The Nominating Committee reported the names of Rev. W. S. Bugbey, A. C. Dutton, and Rev. A. H. Ross as members of the Business Committee for two years and their report was adopted.

Summer Resort.

Mr. A. B. Carrier addressed the Association in reference to a Congregational Summer Resort in Northern Michigan. The subject was referred to a special committee consisting of Rev. J. Morgan Smith, Rev. Isaac G. Gordon and Wm. Chamberlain.

Election of a Secretary.

Rev. John P. Sanderson was elected Secretary and Treasurer for the next three years.

Resolution of Thanks to Retiring Secretary.

Mr. H. J. Hollister offered the following resolution which was unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

Whereas, The Rev. Dr. Hurd has for twenty-one years served this the Congregational body of churches of the State of Michigan as its Secretary and Treasurer to the great satisfaction of this body, therefore

Resolved, That the earnest thanks of this Association are tendered to him on this the day of his freedom, for the great service ren-

dered by him to this body and to the general interest of our denomination in the State.

American Missionary Association.

On the recommendation of the Business Committee the New Constitution of the American Missionary Association was referred to a committee of three.

Sunday School Work.

Rev. Chas. O. Brown, State Sunday School Secretary, presented the report of the Sunday School Committee.

The report was received and adopted.

- Mr. M. C. Hazard, of Chicago, Ill., Western Sunday School Secretary addressed the Association. The Committee to whom was referred the Memorial of the Kalamazoo Association reported, that in their judgment the time had not yet come to carry into execution the recommendation of the Memorial to employ a salaried Secretary for the Sunday School Work. The report was adopted and it was voted that the plan of last year be continued. A vote of thanks was tendered to Rev. C. O. Brown and E. K. Warren for the time and means devoted by them during the year. The Nominating Committee reported the following persons as Sunday School Committee for the ensuing year:
- Rev. C. O. Brown, Secretary, E. K. Warren and Geo. W. Keyes.
- Rev. C. O. Brown subsequently tendered his resignation which was accepted and upon the recommendation of the Nominating Committee, the Committee was made to consist of the following persons:
- E. K. Warren, Secretary, Geo. W. Keyes and Rev. E. W. Miller.

Olivet College.

Rev. I. W. McKeever, from the Committee to visit Olivet College made a report which was accepted.

Rev. H. Q. Butterfield, President of Olivet College addressed the Association in behalf of that Institution.

The following resolution with reference to a State Denominational Paper was adopted:

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed by this Association to take under consideration the question of such a denominational paper for our own State as shall bring our churches into closer fellowship in Christian interest, and that such committee submit a report at the next meeting of this body.

The Nominating Committee reported as such Committee Rev. R. W. Wallace, Rev. D. P. Breed and Rev. John P. Sanderson, and their report was adopted.

Friday Evening.

The Association met according to adjournment, and was opened with reading of Scripture by the Moderator and prayer by Rev. W. C. Calland.

Home Missions.

Rev. D. P. Breed, Secretary of the Home Missionary Board of Directors made the following report, which was accepted and adopted:

For all our Home Missionary purposes, in order to carry on our work in its present condition, \$29,950 are needed. Of this amount the American Home Missionary Society has generously apportioned to our State \$15,000, leaving a balance of \$14,950, which must be raised within our bounds, or the work already in hand must suffer. It is therefore recommended that we undertake to raise an amount equal to one dollar per resident member.

It is recommended that the following sums of Home Missionary money be apportioned to the several Conferences respectively:

| Cheboygan Conference | \$4,000 00 |
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| Chippewa and Mackinac Conference | 2,600 00 |
| Eastern Conference | 975 00 |
| Genesee Conference | 2,720 50 |
| Grand River Conference | 1,800 00 |
| Grand Traverse Conference | 2,225 00 |
| Jackson Conference | 400 00 |
| Kalamazoo Association | 2,825 00 |
| Lansing Association | 2,725 00 |
| Marshall Conference | 1,5 00 00 |
| Northern Central Conference | 2,175 00 |
| Southern Michigan Conference | 500 00 |
| Western Conference | 2,350 00 |

American Missionary Association.

Rev. K. H. Crane presented the report of the Committee upon the work of the American Missionary Association, which was accepted.

Rev. G. D. Pike, of New York City, District Secretary of the American Missionary Association, addressed the Association in the interest of that Society.

Foreign Missions.

Rev. W. R. Seaver presented the report of the Committee on the A. B. C. F. M., which was accepted.

Rev. S. J. Humphrey, of Chicago, Illinois, District Secretary of the A. B. C. F. M., addressed the Association in the interest of the American Board of Foreign Missions.

The Association adjourned with prayer by Rev. T. G. Colton, to meet at 8:30 A. M. Saturday morning.

Fourth Day—Saturday Morning.

The Association met according to adjournment, and was

opened with prayer by Rev. J. B. Dawson. The minutes of the preceding day were read and approved.

A. M. A. Constitution.

The Nominating Committee reported the following Committee on the New Constitution of the American Missionary Association, and their report was adopted: Rev. T. G. Colton, Rev. W. W. Lyle and Chas. Fuller. This Committee subsequently reported in favor of approving the proposed Constitution, and their report was adopted.

Published Minutes of the Association.

Rev. A. Hastings Ross read a paper on The Published Minutes of the General Association, which was referred to a special committee, consisting of Rev. W. H. Ryder, Rev. O. H. Spoor and C. B. Stowell. This committee subsequently made the following report:

Your Committee recommend the adoption of recommendations 1, 2, 3 and 4 of the paper on the Published Minutes of the General Association, as follows:

- 1st.—That all tables and lists be arranged in alphabetical order.
- 2nd.—That the title of the "Narrative of the State of Religion" be changed hereafter to "Report on the State of the Churches."
- 3rd.—That with these changes the Minutes be published as heretofore.
- 4th.—That the present method of taxation and distribution be continued.

Your Committee further recommend:

- 5th.—That the Secretary be instructed to abbreviate the Minutes of the Association as approved by the body, and prepare them for publication.
- 6th.—That the Secretary be authorized to print in the Minutes fuller statistics of the Sunday Schools, if in his judgment this is desirable.
- 7th.—That a book of records be provided for the Scribes of the Association, and that the full journal, as affirmed by the Association, be engrossed therein.

It was ordered that the paper on the Published Minutes of the General Association, after revision by the author, be printed in the Minutes. [See Appendix E.]

The Tax.

The Treasurer recommended that the tax for the coming year be five hundred dollars, and it was so ordered. The Finance Committee reported the apportionment at three and a half cents per resident member to be apportioned among the Conferences and Associations as follows:

| Cheboygan Conference\$ | 9.73 |
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| Chippewa & Mackinac Conference | 4.06 |
| Eastern Conference | 93.24 |
| Genesee Conference | 66.99 |
| Grand River Conference | 49.84 |
| Grand Traverse Conference | 17.01 |
| Jackson Conference | 54.14 |
| Kalamazoo Association | 61.95 |
| Lake Superior Conference | 8.96 |
| Lansing Association | 33.35 |
| Marshall Conference | 42.66 |
| Northern Central Conference | 18.02 |
| Southern Michigan Conference. | 30.59 |
| Western Conference | 17.32 |
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Mission of the Holy Spirit.

Rev. M. M. Martin read a paper on the Mission of the Holy Spirit.

Devotional Exercises.

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A half-hour was spent in devotional exercises led by Rev. E. C. Winslow.

Temperance.

Rev. J. L. Patton read a paper on The Proper Attitude and

Line of Action for our Ministers and Churches towards the Temperance Reform.

Benevolences.

The Special Committee on Benevolences reported on the arrangement of benevolences for the coming year. [See Page VII.]

The Association adjourned with prayer by Rev. Thomas

Parker to meet at 1:30 P. M.

Saturday Afternoon.

The Association met according to adjournment and was opened with prayer by Rev. B. F. Sargent.

Children's Day.

It was resolved—That we recommend to our Churches the observance of the second Sunday in June in each year as Children's Day, to be set apart to the consideration of the interests of our Sunday Schools.

State Evangelist.

Rev. N. D. Glidden Special Committee on State Evangelist made a report embodying the following recommendations:

1st. That this General Association urges upon each local Association and Conference of Churches the importance of organizing at its next meeting a settled policy of aggressive Evangelistic Missionary work within its own bounds.

2nd. That the State Board of Directors of Home Missions be recommended to employ a State Evangelist to labor as a Missionary Evangelist in the Missionary Churches and communities only, provided a suitable man can be secured for the position.

The report was received and the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That we approve the recommendations of the committee, and request the Executive Committee of Home Missions as a Special Committee to carry them out in such way as their wisdom and ability may suggest.

Address of President Butterfield.

Rev. H. Q. Butterfield addressed the Association on "The Main Motives to be urged upon Men to accept Salvation through Christ."

Temperance.

Rev. D. P. Breed presented the following resolutions on Temperance, which were adopted:

Resolved,—First, that we recognize the work of temperance reform as one of the most important and pressing moral questions of the present day. We find two things essential to be done, first to reform the user of intoxicants, and second to repress and as soon as possible to prevent the traffic in intoxicants. We believe that the line of action for our Churches and ministers is to secure these ends by the constant use of Christian, social and legal influences with the individual, and to seek the enactment and enforcement of any practicable laws for the restriction and final prohibition of the manufacture and sale of spirituous, vinous and malt liquors for use as beverages. And we urge the duty on our Churches and Sunday Schools to use their utmost and constant efforts to educate young and old to a proper appreciation of their duties in regard to this great question.

Resolved,—Second, that we heartily rejoice over the recent action of the Legislature and Governor of our State in making instruction in the physical effects of alcohol upon the brain, nerves and tissues of the human body compulsory in all our public schools.

Greetings from and to Y. M. C. A.

The following telegram was received, bearing the greetings of the International Y. M. C. A., in session at Milwaukee: To the General Association of Congregational Churches of Michigan:
—The twenty-fifth International Convention of the Young Men's Christian Associations of the United States and British Provinces send Greeting—Colossians, 2: 2–3. "That their hearts might be comforted, being knit together in love, and unto all riches of the full assurance of understanding to the acknowledgment of the mystery of God, and of the Father and of Christ. In whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge."

CHAS. S. COLBY.

President.

In obedience to the instructions of the Association the Moderator responded as follows:

To International Convention of Young Men's Christian Associations:—The 42nd Annual Meeting of the General Association of Congregational Churches send Greeting—Galatians, 6: 9-10. "And let us not be weary in well doing; for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not. As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith."

W. B. WILLIAMS,

Moderator.

The Minutes of the day were read and adopted.

The Association adjourned with prayer by Rev. W. R. Seaver, to 7:30 p. m.

Saturday Evening.

The Association met according to adjournment, and after devotional exercises listened to a scientific lecture, by Prof. G. F. Wright, of Oberlin, upon The Glacial Period in America, and its relations to the Antiquity of Man. The lecture was illustrated with maps and a collection of paliolithic implements. The Association adjourned with benediction until Sunday morning.

Sunday.

The appointments made by the Association for Sunday were met as ordered.

At the close of the evening services the following resolution of thanks was read and adopted by a rising vote:

Resolved, That the General Association of Congregational Churches in Michigan is gratefully conscious of many benefits conferred upon it during its present session in Manistee, by its friends in this Congregational Society and city, by those who have been generously hospitable to its members; by the entertainment committee, by the choir, and by the railroads and steamboats granting greatly reduced fares hither. Our passage and our stay here have been very agreeable, and our meetings forwarded in every way. We pray the blessing of the Lord may remain upon all our friends who have thus, as we hope, been the means of assisting His cause."

Reply was made in behalf of the Church and people of Manistee, by Rev. E. B. Fairfield, Pastor of the Church. After receiving the benediction, the Association came to its final adjournment.

WOLCOTT B. WILLIAMS, Moderator, WILLIAM W. LYLE, Assistant Moderator.

W. S. Bugbey, Scribe,

D. PAYSON BREED, Assistant Scribe.

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APPENDIX.

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THE TREASURER'S REPORT.

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REPORT ON THE STATE OF THE CHURCHES.

Cheboygan Conference, with the exception of the five churches which have failed to report, seems to have been in a very flourishing condition. Some of these churches have more than doubled their membership, and others have added largely to their material accommodations. Northport has built a parsonage and horse-sheds, for which nearly a thousand dollars have been raised; and for all that, its benevolences have been increased; thus illustrating the principle, that the more we do in the Lord's work, the more we are disposed to do, and the more we are able to do.

Chippewa and Mackinac Conference has been increased by two churches during the year, and work has been begun looking to the organization of several others. The gospel has also been carried into many outlying stations, with a good degree of success. The great need of these churches is suitable houses of worship. This want is the source of much embarrassment and discouragement. And yet the Lord has helped the labors of his servants, and is giving them the promise of better things to come.

Eastern Conference.—The churches of this Conference have been very generally supplied with pastors during the year, though quite a number of these pastors are as yet of but small experience in the work. With but a single exception, no marked religious interest has been enjoyed among them; and yet upon the whole, it has been a year of quiet advancement in all that pertains

to their progress and success. Our Lord's kingdom evidently has a warm place in the hearts of the people, as is evident from their willingness to contribute of their means and labor for its promotion. In one of these churches, the preaching of a short sermon to the children before the morning discourse has awakened a good deal of interest, and secured a large attendance of the children upon the services of the sanctuary.

Genesee Conference.—The churches in this Conference gratefully mark, as compared with last year, a rising tide of religious interest. Revivals of greater or less extent have been enjoyed by eight of them, by which many have been added unto the Lord. The unprofitable practice of ministerial changes has been going on to an unusual degree. During the year, no less than twelve of these churches have either lost or exchanged pastors. Two church edifices have been completed, and another is expected to be dedicated next month. One ministerial member of the Conference Rev. Alonzo Sanderson, has died during the year; and our brother, Rev. John T. Husted has been called to part with the wife of his youth. Rev. William Mulder, a member of the Jackson Association, but living within the bounds of this body, has also gone to his reward. And now, just as this sketch is being written, the sad intelligence comes to us, that another member of this Conference, Rev. George M. Tuthill, Superintendent of the American Bible Society for the Northwest, has fallen asleep at his home in Kalamazoo.

Grand River Conference though ranking among the largest in point of church organizations, contains an unusual number of weak and dependent churches having only three that exceed one hundred members, and ranging all the way down from forty or fifty to eight or nine. Some of these feeble churches have been doing exceedingly well, and deserve much commendation for their efficiency amid many outward discouragements. One of them has been favored with a good, religious quickening; there are others, however, which seem to be languishing, six of them not having had life enough to report their condition.

Grand Traverse Conference is happy to be able to report a more prosperous condition of the churches than for many previous years. But while this is true of them generally, it is still to be noted that two of them, Brown and Whitewater have practically no existence; and one other, Joyfield, has dwindled down to about three members; but the ground is pretty well supplied by the Methodists. The rest are all regularly supplied with preaching.

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Jackson Conference has enjoyed a good degree of prosperity as compared with the previous year, with an encouraging gain in membership and benevolent contributions. The church in Dexter, which for years was practically dead, has returned to life, built and furnished and paid for a commodious house of worship at an expense of some \$3,000, and now has a pastor of its own. Jackson has been unusually prosperous, with a large accession of numbers, mostly from the Sunday Schools. It has increased its benevolences to the extent of \$500. Some of the other churches of the body are worthy of honorable mention.

Kalamazoo Association.—There has been very little of what is known as revival interest in the churches of this Association, during the year and yet in nearly all of them there has been a steady, forward movement, with a good promise for the future. The increase in the membership has averaged two for each church. All of the churches have had preaching at least a part of the year, and all but five are now furnished with pastors; the frequent changes in the pastorate is noted as an embarrassment, thus giving the minister scarcely time to become acquainted with his people and their peculiar needs, before he is transferred to another field, with the same sad experience. Possibly the lamentable falling-off of the benevolences of these churches may largely be attributed to this cause.

LAKE SUPERIOR CONFERENCE.—In the absence of any report from this Conference, it is to be inferred from the statistics, that the past has been a prosperous year with the two large and influential churches composing it, inasmuch as the membership has been increased by fifty additions, and the benevolences by one hundred and sixty-four dollars. These churches are evidently doing the Master's work most effectually, in the isolated region in which they are placed.

Lansing Association.—The reports from most of the churches of this Association are quite favorable. No remarkable revivals have occurred, and yet many of the churches have been spiritually quickened. The larger of them show a steady, healthful growth, and some greatly increased benevolences. Most of these, which were without pastors a year ago, are now supplied. A few of the smaller are still vacant, and are very weak. Two or three maintain no services, and may possibly yield the ground to other denominations. Nearly all of them report prosperous Sunday Schools, which being made an essential part of the church work, and kept spiritually warm, furnish the best grounds of hope for the future.

Marshall Conference.—The past year, with this Conference has been on the whole, one of more than ordinary blessing. Five of the churches have enjoyed a manifest refreshing from the presence of the Lord, with the most precious results, and several others have not been without the evidence of the Spirit's presence in the conversion of souls. While some are compelled to mourn over discouragements, the majority are permitted to speak of an ordinary condition of peace and prosperity. An evident advancement has been made in the payment of debts, and in other material matters.

NORTHERN CENTRAL CONFERENCE.—The churches in this Conference are mostly in their infancy, and are aided by the Home Missionary Society. Manistee and Ludington being the only two that are self-supporting. All of them except Tustin have had pastors during the year, and have been steadily moving forward. Several of them have received large and important accessions to their membership. The transient character of the population has presented the only serious obstacle to their growth.

Southern Michigan Conference has been unusually prosperous during the past year, and the spring meeting had much of the spirit of a jubilee. Revivals of unwonted power have been enjoyed by the churches of Hudson, Litchfield and Wheatland. A special feature of the work in Hudson was the prominence given to neighborhood meetings, and in outlying school districts. Most of the other churches of the Conference have also received a manifest quickening with the ingathering of souls. The young church of Maybee has completed a house of worship and the church in North Adams has enlarged and beautified its church edifice, and paid off its old debt.

Western Conference, though not visited with any extensive revivals, brings a very cheering and hopeful report. Nearly all the churches are in a prosperous state, and furnished with pastors who are laboriously and faithfully doing the work of the Lord among them. Many of them have received additions, but in some these have hardly more than balanced the removals. Grand Haven is rejoicing in the removal of its burden of debt, which for years has been hanging over it, greatly hindering its usefulness and growth. Muskegon, by reason of its prosperity, has heard the call to leave its old straightened quarters, and build a new and larger house of worship, for which the means have already been provided. The church in Newaygo has recently lost its church edifice by fire, but is not discouraged, and hopes to rebuild soon.

This brief narrative, it will be perceived, furnishes no good ground for discouragement in our work, but rather of inspiration and hope. With the blessing of God upon the faithful and well-directed labors of both ministers and people, we may confidently look forward to a future of these churches which shall be an honor to our State, and a cause of joy among the angels in heaven.

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NECROLOGY.

REV. HENRY ALLEN AUSTIN died in Pleasanton, Manistee County, Mich., June 2, 1882, of nervous prostration and liver complaint. His health had been poor for many years. He was born in Becket, Mass., November 22, 1821. He united with the Congregational Church in Worthington, Mass., in 1840; he fitted for college at Worthington Academy; graduated from Union College in 1847; and from Auburn Theological Seminary in 1851; and on the 28th of September in that year he married Miss Mary Wright, of Becket, Mass. He preached at Otis, Mass., 1851-4; at Hartland Conn., 1854-5; was ordained at Huntington, Mass., Nov. 6, 1856; and on account of failing health, was dismissed July 29, 1859, and went to Brownhelm, Ohio, where he engaged in farming. In 1864, he removed to Pleasanton, Mich., and took a homestead of government land in this unorganized town, containing then only three families. Here he remained until he died, enduring all the privations and hardships of pioneer life. Here his wife died October 25, 1869, leaving no children. In November, 1871, he married Miss Carrie Frances Maxim, of Paris, Me.

During his life in Pleasanton, his devotion to the cause of Christ was marked. He preached in his own and another private house, and largely through his labors and influence the Congregational church of Pleasanton was organized January 28, 1866, and soon afterward it entered its own house of worship, a neat little frame, to which his skillful hands and slender purse had made large contributions.

Of this church, under commission of the A. H. M. Society, he was pastor during the years 1867-8, 1879, and a part of 1880 His successor in the pastoral care of the church found in him a most

exemplary parishioner—kind, helpful and sympathizing—traits not generally supposed to characterize retired ministers, but conspicuously exemplified by him. He filled through a series of years, with large satisfaction to pastor and church, the offices of Deacon and Sunday School Superintendent, and in all business and spiritual interests of the church he always exhibited that sanctified common sense" which is characteristic of Congregationalism. Such was his purity and integrity of life and character that he won the confidence and esteem of all who knew him. And when he died the text for a funeral discourse almost irresistibly suggested was Ps XXXVII-37—"Mark the perfect man, &c." He left a wife and three children.

REV. WILLIAM MULDER was born in Holland, July 18th, 1833. When he was nine years old his mother died, and in 1847 he came to this country with his father and two brothers, and settled in Utica N. Y. and worked for a time as a shoemaker, but he had a great love for books and attended Whitestown Seminary until he was fitted for college. In January, 1859, he was married to Elizabeth Downward, of Utica. In 1861, he entered Madison University where he remained until within a few weeks of graduation, when on account of ill health he was compelled to leave. In May 1866, he removed to Victor, Michigan, reaching there on the very day of the funeral of Rev. Garry C. Fox, pastor of the churches in Laingsburg and Victor. He began at once to supply the pulpits left vacant by the death of Mr. Fox, and was ordained June 5th, 1867. He preached for these churches nine years during which time he organized the church in Ovid. From Laingsburg he went to Leslie, preaching for the church there three years, when on account of failing health, in the spring of 1878, he decided to close his ministry and retire to a small farm that he owned in Victor. But his old friends and neighbors insisted that he should preach for them even though he gave them old sermons. This he consented to do and continued to supply the pulpit until the winter of 1882, when his disease, which proved to be softening of the brain, had made such progress that he was compelled to desist altogether from ministerial work, and declined steadily until August 25, 1882, when he gently fell asleep.

He was a faithful and hard worker, a pleasant and forcible

preacher, who dwelt largely upon the duties which man owes to his neighbor. He cherished kindly feelings toward those from whom he differed in opinion, and won friends wherever he went. He leaves a wife and two sons to mourn his loss.

REV. ALONZO SANDERSON, of whom brief mention was made in the Necrological Report of last year, was born in Bernardston, Massachusetts, on the 24th day of June, 1808. He was son of Joseph and Content (Dickinson) Sanderson. Graduated from Amherst College in 1834, and from Andover Theological Seminary in 1837. He was a Home Missionary in Canada in 1837-8; ordained, Ludlow, Massachusetts, 1839, January 1; dismissed 1843, May 11; installed over church at Tolland, 1843, July 12, and dismissed in May, 1852; installed at Wellington, Ohio, March 1, 1854, and dismissed March 21, 1856; at York from '56-59; at Goodrich, Michigan '59-61, and again '67-74; at Owosso '61-62; at Grand Blanc '62-67; at Bridgeport '74-75; at Clinton '75-76; at Bedford '77; at Genesee '78-79; without charge at Flint until the time of his Married 1837, October 24, Rosetta, daughter of Rufus and Lina (Henderson) Rowe. Four children. Died of paralysis of the brain, in Flint, Michigan, May 19, 1882, aged 73 years, 10 months and 25 days.—[From Year Book, 1883.]

REV. GEORGE MILLER TUTHILL.—A final and marked item in the ministerial necrology of this year is the death of Rev. George Miller Tuthill. He died, aged 64 years, at his residence in Kalamazoo, on the 9th inst., after a prolonged and severe illness of two months.

Bro. Tuthill, the oldest of six children, was born at Wading River, Long Island, October 31st, 1818. During his preparations for college, at the academy in Miller's Place, Long Island, in 1834, he became a Christian and, with his brother Frank, joined the Presbyterian church in Franklinville, Long Island.

In 1839 he graduated with honors in the then second largest class in Amherst College. The three following years he spent in teaching at Margaretta Furnace, Pennsylvania, and Miller's Place Academy, Long Island, resting one summer for the recovery of his overstrained eyes.

In 1843 he entered Union Theological Seminary, in New York, graduating in 1846, when in May of that year he was licensed to

preach by the Long Island Presbytery, which body a year later, ordained him as an evangelist.

In May, 1847, he married Miss Anna H. Hall, of New York City, went to St. Louis, Missouri, as a Home Missionary, organized the Spruce Street Presbyterian Church and became a member of the St. Louis Presbytery.

In the summer of 1849 he accepted a call to the church at Godfrey, Illinois, worshipping in Monticello Seminary, and joined the Presbytery of Alton.

In 1851 he supplied the Presbyterian church in Kalamazoo a few months, and then accepted a call to the Congregational church in St. Clair, where upon installation he remained pastor for seven years, till the fall of 1858, when he accepted a call to the Congregational church in Pontiac. He remained in this pastorate six years, till the summer of 1864, when for a few months he served as "stated supply" in the church at Franklinville, Long Island, and also at Paris Hill, N. Y., declining calls made by both churches.

In February, 1865, he accepted a call to Ashtabula, Ohio, and was installed pastor of the Congregational church in that place, laboring there till 1867, when he accepted a call to the Congregational church in St. John's, in this State.

Such are the statistics of his work in ministering to the churches as pastor. Looking into the work done, we find that in all the places of his labor there was an earnest and faithful preaching of the word and an affectionate care of souls. At St. Clair and Pontiac in this State, and in Ashtabula, Ohio, there were rewarding revivals of religion under his labors; and while some have gone to be stars in the crown of his rejoicing, others whom he led to the Savior yet walk the earth in the service of the Master. Wherever he labored long enough to make the full power of his mind and heart and life felt, there was faithful witness borne and permanent good accomplished, contributing to the advancement of the Redeemer's Kingdom on the earth.

Bro. Tuthill was more broadly known in the Northwest and among churches of different evangelical denominations by his superintendency of the interests and work of the American Bible Society. To this service in this State he was called in 1871, making his home at Kalamazoo. During the next year the same Bible-

work in Wisconsin was added to his labors. For 12 years till the time of his last illness, this work prospered under his faithful and conscientious care.

The oversight of so many local Bible Societies, the work of colportage and Bible distribution through so many laborers, over so wide a field, called for his full strength, and more than he was aware of, wasted the energies of his life; but while strength lasted he would accept no respite. His resting time has now come. And if he finds that rest to be only a change to higher activity in wider range it will be only the more grateful to his consecrated spirit.

The announcement of his death will bring a touch of sorrow to God's people in hundreds of churches in the Northwest, who will remember him as one beloved alike for his christian faithfulness and christian modesty.

Bro. Tuthill leaves two brothers, Judge James Tuthill and Captain Ellsworth Tuthill, both residing on Long Island; also the wife who through all the years of his ministry was his help and comfort; and their four children, two sons and two daughters, whom they had "trained in the nurture and admonition of the Lord." And these, though far from affluence, he has not left without provision for their temporal welfare. And in this exercise of care, his example is worthy of imitation.

Dea. Samuel Fletcher Drury was born in Spencer, Mass., June 7, 1816. At the age of eighteen he made a public profession of religion and united with the First Baptist Church in Worcester, Mass. In 1837, he went to Boston and spent a year as clerk in a dry goods store. The following year he removed to Otsego, Mich., and engaged in mercantile business for himself.

It was here that he became acquainted with Miss Angeline M. House, to whom he was married in 1839. He was one of the first to start a Sunday School in the place, and was very active in helping to organize the public school, and was also very zealous in the cause of temperance.

In 1848, he was appointed a delegate to the Marshall Association which met in Olivet. While in attendance upon this meeting he became deeply interested in the work of the Olivet Institute and raised among the members of the Association some forty dollars to

aid in completing an unfinished hall. This at the time was regarded a large sum and gave a new impulse toward the completion of the building.

In 1849, he moved to Olivet and by his earnest words, wise counsels, untiring efforts and generous gifts contributed much toward the development of Olivet Institute into Olivet College, and toward promoting its subsequent growth.

In that day it required no small amount of moral courage to speak a word in public in favor of Olivet College, but it ever found in Dea. Drury an enthusiastic advocate.

For some thirty years he served as Superintendent of a Sunday School—for nearly twenty years of the school in Olivet. This was a work he greatly enjoyed and in which he was eminently successful.

His only child, a son, died in 1863, just before graduating from College.

In 1872, Pres. Morrison resigned the charge of Olivet College, and engaged in the building of a College in Springfield, Missouri. Dea. Drury took a deep interest in this work and at a critical point in the history of the infant college, when it seemed as though the enterprise was on the brink of failure, he pledged the College \$25,000, a sum equal to the whole value of the property then owned by the college. In grateful appreciation of this generous gift, the College was named in honor of him "Drury College."

For several years Dea. Drury has been in failing health, and on the 13th day of February, 1883, he died in the triumphs of faith.

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ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION OF THE MICHIGAN CONGREGATIONAL MIN-ISTERIAL RELIEF SOCIETY.

Know all Men by these Presents, That we, the subscribers, in accordance with a certain preamble and resolutions adopted by the "General Association of the Congregational Churches and Ministers of Michigan," at their meeting at Charlotte, Michigan, on the 20th day of May, A. D., 1881, and also at Manistee, May 17, 1883, relating to "Disabled Ministers and the Families of Deceased Ministers," and under the authority granted by the provisions of Chapter 105 of the Compiled Laws of 1871, of the State of Michigan, and the amendments thereto, do hereby associate ourselves together as a body politic and corporate, and adopt the following Articles of Association:

ARTICLE I.

The names and places of residence of the subscribers associating are as follows, viz.: Wolcott B. Williams, of Charlotte; Leroy Warren, of Lansing; Henry E. Baker, of Detroit; Theodore P. Prudden, of Lansing; Arthur O. Bement, of Lansing; Cornelius A. Gower, of Lansing, and E. F. Grabill, of Greenville.

ARTICLE II.

The name of this corporation shall be The Michigan Congregational Ministerial Relief Society; its office for the transaction of business shall be located in Lansing, and the period for which it is incorporated is thirty years.

ARTICLE III.

The objects for which this corporation is organized are to receive, invest, manage, and disburse any and all funds which shall be received by it for the maintenance of disabled ministers, and the relief of the families of deceased ministers of the Congregational denomination within the State of Michigan.

ARTICLE IV.

The number of the Trustees of this Corporation shall be six, who shall be chosen from said corporators, and their successors, and such Trustees, when chosen, shall hold their office for three years; except that in the first instance, two trustees shall be chosen for one year, two for two years, and two for three years—the object being to have only two Trustees to be elected annually after the first election of such officers. There shall also be chosen by the Trustees annually a President, Secretary and Treasurer, to hold their respective offices for one year and until their successors shall be chosen. The offices of Secretary and Treasurer may be held by the same person, and the President of the Board of Trustees shall be chosen from the members of said Board.

ARTICLE V.

The members of this corporation thus associating constitute the Home Missionary Executive Committee of "The General Association of the Congregational Churches and Ministers of Michigan," and the future members of this corporation shall consist of such persons only as shall hereafter be members of The Home Missionary Executive Committee mentioned above; it being understood that the present members of this corporation shall remain members thereof only during the time they shall continue members of said Home Missionary Executive Committee: *Provided*, That if the Home Missionary Executive Committee be not chosen for any cause, the Trustees of this Society shall be empowered to fill all vacancies as they shall occur in their number.

ARTICLE VI.

The Trustees of this corporation shall distribute all funds

received by it, or the income from funds or money received and invested by it for the objects hereinbefore specified, in accordance with the provisions and regulations of the by-laws to be made by said Trustees, and which shall be adopted by them in accordance with the provisions of the statute under which this corporation is organized, and the said Board of Trustees shall make an annual report to the General Association of the Congregational Churches and Ministers of Michigan.

ARTICLE VII.

The annual meeting of this corporation shall be held at Lansing at a time to be fixed by said by-laws.

THE PUBLISHED MINUTES OF THE GENERAL ASSOCIATION.

"The General Association of the Congregational Churches and Ministers of Michigan," was organized Oct. 11, 1842, at Jackson, on a call issued by the Jackson Conference. There were present only ten ministers and delegates from six churches. Minutes have been issued every year, except in 1847, when the records were lost, but being afterwards found, an abstract was appended to the minutes of 1848.

The list of officers which first appeared in the minutes of 1867 gives but two Secretaries. We find that the following is the accurate list:

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Rev. L. Smith Hobart, 1842-1846;

Rev. H. L. Hammond, 1847;

Rev. S. L. Foster, 1848-1850;

Rev. H. D. Kitchel, D. D., 1851–1853;

Rev. L. Smith Hobart, 1854-1861;

Rev. Philo R. Hurd, D. D., 1862-1882;

Rev. John P. Sanderson, 1883.

We will speak of the two Secretaries who held office for the longest periods.

It was at the suggestion and by the efforts of our first Secretary, Rev. L. Smith Hobart, that a Convention of Congregationalists was held at Michigan City, Indiana, in 1846, which has had the most important bearings on our growth and fellowship as a denomination. That Convention stands at the parting of the ways; and from its connection with this General Association, we will notice it and its results.

After the Presbyterian Church had divided, in 1837, and while

the New School body held triennial assemblies, special conventions were held here and there by the Presbyterian churches, to which Congregational churches were invited, with the view of their union with the Presbytery under the plan of 1801. Mr. Hobart was Secretary of such a Convention, held at Detroit, in June, 1845. After listening to the advantages of Presbyterianism for one whole afternoon, he said to Rev. Parsons Cooke, of Massachusetts: must have a Convention of our own; let us confer about it after the adjournment." In conversation at the close of the session, it was agreed that this General Association was the proper body to call the proposed Convention, and that Mr. Hobart should lay the This he did, September 30, matter before it at its next meeting. 1845, when the Association unanimously approved the plan, and appointed Rev. L. Smith Hobart, Dea. Chester Hammond, and Rev. O. C. Thompson a committee to issue a call for the Convention. In their call of the next April, the committee invite the Congregational churches to meet in Michigan City "for mutual consultation on the condition, prospects, and wants of the Congregational churches of the West; the advancement of the various enterprises of Christian benevolence and philanthropy; and for the promotion of true religion generally."

This Convention, the precursor of the National fellowship of our churches, held from July 30th, to August 3, 1846. It was composed of only forty-eight members—three from Iowa, two from Wisconsin, fifteen from Michigan, twelve from Illinois, five from Indiana, two from Ohio, four from New York, one from Connecticut, two from Massachusetts, and two from Canada.

We will speak only of Michigan men and their acts in this body. Rev. L. Smith Hobart and Hon. Charles G. Hammond were its Secretaries; Rev. O. C. Thompson was chairman of committee on roll, and "on the Causes, the Evils and the Remedies of the Practice of Congregational ministers abandoning their Church Polity on coming to the West." Rev. John D. Pierce was chairman of committee "On the Adaptation of Congregationalism to the West;" Rev. H. L. Hammond, chairman, "On the Value of the Plan of Union;" Rev. George Barnum was member of the committee "On the Duty of Congregationalists to Sustain our Church Polity;" Rev. L. Smith Hobart was chairman of committee "On the Expediency of continuing to send Delegates to the Presbyterian and

Congregational Convention, and of holding Annual Congregational Conventions." Rev. O. D. Hine was on the committee to prepare a statement of the substance of the "Confessions of Faith and Ecclesiastical Constitution adopted by Western Congregational bodies." These topics give the scope of the purpose and discussions of the Convention.

The committee reported against annual and in favor of occasional conventions, saying: "For the ordinary wants of the churches, our state, territorial, and provincial annual meetings, already established, are entirely sufficient. Whenever there shall again arise special and important reasons for another Congregational Convention, let it be called by some one of the annual Associations." This report was adopted.

The committee reported adversely to the Plan of Union of 1801, which the Convention adopted, and which when reported to this General Association received the special and entire approval of the same (*Minutes*, 1846, 7–8). When the Albany Convention of 1852 was convened, Mr. Hobart distributed five hundred copies of the reprinted report among its members, which Convention abrogated the disastrous Plan of Union between the Presbyterians and Congregationalists.

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Time has vindicated the action of our first Secretary and of our Association in these matters: for the Convention of 1846, devised by Mr. Hobart, "gave a new impulse to the study of the Congregational polity;" corrected tendencies to doctrinal errors; awakened attention at the East; led in six years to the National Convention at Albany, in 1852, called by the General Association of New York; then to the National Council at Boston, in 1865; and developed, in 1871, into the triennial National Council. This development gives great significance to the remark made by Mr. Hobart to Rev. Parsons Cooke, after listening to the laudation of the Plan of Union, which swallowed up so many of our churches in the West, and which came so near shutting Congregationalism into the narrow confines of New England. Mr. Hobart has lived to see the occasional national fellowship which he did so much to begin, established as stated and permanent.

Another Secretary, Rev. Philo R. Hurd D. D., was elected in 1862 and has served to the present session, a period of twenty-one

The declined to be re-elected for another three years, because of the infirmities of age. He is the greatest among us all. for he has served us best and longest. We know from experience what perplexity, trouble, toil and criticism attend the issuing of the Minutes of State Associations. For not all ministers are destined to a mathematical Paradise. Most of them see no poetry in tables of figures. Some who chance to be elected Registrars of local Associations, and whose educational advantages have been limited to a full college and seminary course, are not able to add up correctly the columns of figures in a single statistical table, compelling the Secretary to correct them before sending them to the printer. Such men should have had a fourth year in the seminary. the proof-reading of the many pages of tables! Try one page, and follow the printer until there is not an error in it, and you will begin to realize what perfection in patience twenty-one years of the tribulation have wrought in our most faithful Secretary. Our Minutes are the result and monument of the endurance of evil which neither churches nor ministers adequately appreciate. For one I bow in profound admiration before the Secretary who has carried our Minutes so high that they are among the handsomest issued by State bodies.

This Secretary is the worthy successor of our first. To both our churches owe a great debt of gratitude for services which they can neither fully appreciate nor adequately repay. Yet our churches have not been wholly ungrateful. Both Secretaries were members of the Albany Convention of 1852; of the Boston Council, 1865; and of the first triennial National Council, 1871. Mr. Hobart was one of the Secretaries of the Michigan City Convention in 1846, and of the Albany Convention. Both are honored with the confidence and love of the brethren.

We speak of these two only because they had most to do with our Minutes, issuing thirty-four out of the forty-one numbers.

On examining the minutes we find points of permanent interest, which we will mention.

1. At the second meeting of this Association, in 1843, our churches took radical ground against slavery. And between that utterance and the outbreak of the rebellion, they eleven times expressed their abhorrence of the sin. When the war came, our

churches were loyal to the core; and, at every annual meeting, during the struggle, they gave their unwavering support to the National Government against slavery and treason. In the preceding moral contest, this Association sought to disentangle the missionary and benevolent societies, then supported also by the Presbyterians, from all complicity with slavery. To this end a report on the matter was printed in the minutes of 1853, which covered thirty-two pages. The sons should honor the fathers for their brave and successful fight against the sin which attempted our national life.

2. The utterances of this General Association on temperance began in the same year, 1843. In the Narrative of the State of Religion of that year, we read; "The great moral reform on the subject, of temperance has made pleasing advances." Thus early were our churches both right and active in the temperance reform. In 1851, resolutions were adopted which "pledged" "our cordial co-operation," and recommended "renewed activity and diligence in this cause." The next year, 1852, the Association declared its * "unabated interest in the cause of temperance," and said: "We believe that the time has fully come in this State for a legislative measure like that of the State of Maine; and that the prevalence of temperance sentiment warrants the friends of this cause in urging the adoption of such law as speedily as practicable. recommend to the ministers and churches connected with this body to throw themselves strenously and prayerfully into this field of labor at this crisis." (Minutes, 1852, p. 7.)

In the "crisis" of thirty-one years ago the State seemed to be as near permanent prohibition of the traffic in alcoholic drinks as at the present time. Again, in 1853, our churches, through this Association, declared for prohibition, and since then with more or less clearness, in 1857, 1858, 1867, 1871, 1875, 1876, 1877, 1878, 1879, 1880, 1881, 1882, and again at this meeting. In the face of these declarations, from 1843 to 1883, no one can justly charge this Association either with indifference or neglect in regard to this great reform.

3. Our minutes present some ecclesiastical points of interest. By the constitution as adopted at the organization of this body, membership was thus defined: "Any Conference of churches in

Michigan, consenting to the Constitution and Rules of this Association, may annually appoint as many delegates to attend the meetings of this body, as are equal to the whole number of churches belonging to such Conference." And "by the term 'Conference' in Article III. of the Constitution, and elsewhere in the Constitution and Rules of this Association, we understand any organized body of Congregational churches and ministers, which shall comply with the rules and regulations of this Association." (Resolution passed, 1849, Minutes p. 5.)

In 1846 the word "Congregational" was put before the words "churches and ministers," to define them; and each Conference was permitted to send as many ministers to the General Association as there were churches connected with it, while each church connected with such Conference could send one lay delegate.

Article III. was again changed in 1850, so as to require ministers as well as churches to be in regular connection with some local Association or Conference.

In 1871, to define this connection more fully, the words, "made such by vote," were added. A minister must be admitted into membership in local Associations or Conferences by formal vote, in order to entitle him to standing in the General Association. His being an installed pastor of a church in connection, does not give him such standing.

In 1878 the word "delegate" in Article III. was interpreted as inclusive of both sexes; and again, in 1881, as applying only to members of the church sending a delegate. So that while a church may choose whom it will of its own members to represent it in the General Association, it can not be represented by one not a member of said church.

The 13th Rule, "Members of committees holding over from year to year, shall be ex officio members of the Association during their term of office,"—was, in 1882, held to include "ministers not in connection with local bodies, as well as laymen."

In 1843, this question was asked of the General Association: "Is it indispensable to the proper constitution of a Congregational Church that a minister should preside at its organization?" It was answered by vote, that while it may be "competent," it is not advisable that churches should be constituted without ministerial aid.

except in extreme cases." Thus the door was not quite closed against the liberty of believers to organize themselves into churches, and the power of the keys was not wholly given to ministers to open or shut at will.

4. The standing of ministers has been well defined from the beginning, as shown in the following actions:

At the second meeting of this Association, 1843, the following record was made: "Is it consistent with Congregational usage for ministers, in ordinary circumstances, to unite with an ecclesiastical body, while as yet they are not regularly dismissed from the body with which, at the time, they may be connected?"

"Voted, that the question be answered in the negative." (Minutes, p 5.)

Thus in its second meeting this body declared it to be "Congregational usage" to hold ministerial standing in "ecclesiastical bodies," which must be "regularly" transferred in order to membership in another body.

This view is confirmed by another question answered at the same meeting: "May a layman be allowed to prefer and prosecute charges against a minister before the Association to which that minister belongs?" This question, which implies ministerial standing in local Associations, after discussion, was by vote answered in the affirmative. (Minutes, p. 6.) If a layman, then surely a minister could prefer and prosecute charges against a member of such Association.

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Since ministerial standing has thus been held in Associations from the beginning, we are not surprised at the language used in the following question, proposed in 1846: "If any local Association withdraw fellowship from a member of their body, and any neighboring Presbytery receive him as a member, what is the duty of the Association in its relation to the Presbytery? (Minutes, p. 5.) This question was referred to a committee, which seems never to have reported. It implies that an Association had "withdrawn fellowship from a member of their body."

"The committee appointed, in 1845, to call the Michigan City Convention of 1846, were instructed by vote to invite "all those Orthodox Congregational Ministers in our country and the adjoining provinces, who are members in regular standing in the Associations within the bounds of which they reside," etc. (Minutes, p. 11.) This call clearly vested the condition of fellowship on something other than ordaining and installing councils. It rightly required ministerial standing in local Associations.

Still further light is shed on ministerial standing by the action of this body in accepting the invitation of the General Association of New York to join in the Albany Convention of 1852. This Association put into its acceptance these words: "That the call embrace all Congregational ministers who shall present certificates of regular membership in local Associations." (Minutes, 1852, p. 6.)

Ministerial standing was defined by unanimous vote, in 1880, to be "such membership in some local Conference or Association as makes the said body responsible for ministers connected with it; i. e., the Conference or Association receives its ministerial members on credentials by vote; may arraign, try, and expel them for cause; or dismiss them to corresponding bodies on their own request. (Minutes p. 20.)

Responsible ministerial standing in local Associations is no new departure; neither is the withdrawal of fellowship by an Association from one of its members for cause a novelty; both were involved in the organic law of this body as interpreted in the actions given in this recital, and that, too, from the beginning.

In 1879, and again in 1880, the General Association approved of and commended a process of ministerial discipline based on the idea that the ministry is a function and not merely an office, supplying a defect in the Boston Platform of 1865. It thus anticipated the action of the National Council held in November 1880, in adopting a rule resting on the same principle. But the defect was not quite remedied as events afterwards showed.

But the adoption at this meeting, in a full assembly, with only two dissentient votes after discussion, of a resolution declaring it "orderly and expedient" for Associations to join in the calling of a mutual council, if asked to do so by any minister or church excluded or expelled from membership therein, in case injustice be charged, completes the system of responsible fellowship among independent churches. (Minutes, 1883, p. 9.) As under the Cambridge Platform a church by removing its pastor from office

cut off his ministerial standing, and remanded him to the laity, from which appeal could be taken either to a mutual or ex-parte council; so under the Boston Platform an Association by expelling or excluding a minister from membership in it cuts him off from ministerial standing in our communion, from which action an appeal can be taken to a mutual or ex-parte council. This completes our polity in this respect in perfect harmony with its principles.

- 5. In view of the small number of installed pastors in the State the Association passed, in 1860, a resolution declaring "that this state of things among us is greatly to be deplored," and earnestly recommending "both churches and ministers to adopt a policy by which it shall be removed as soon as possible." But the evil continued, and so the General Association, in 1882, by unanimous vote, recommended that a recognition service be substituted for installation, retaining all the ecclesiastical part of installation, but rejecting its legal or contract element. So that a "recognized" pastor need not, unless there be special reason, call a council on leaving a church, his connection with some Association determining his standing.
- 6. This Association has from the beginning fostered missionary labors. It took steps at its first meeting, 1842, to secure "a missionary among destitute churches," and opened correspondence with the Missionary Society of Connecticut for aid in meeting the The committee reported, in 1843, that the Connecticut society had encouraged them to hope for such assistance. Therefore "the Domestic Missionary Committee" was appointed for conducting the missionary work. But this committee had to report the next year, 1844, that the Connecticut Missionary Society had been "led to fear, in consequence of representations made to them, that the appointment of a missionary evangelist within our bounds would occasion difficulty between the Congregational and Presbyterian denominations." This attempt to stifle Congregationalism in our State failed, by the opening of another door to the needed assistance (Minutes p. 6). We have not space to trace the development of this committee through its changes in 1879 into our present complete method of doing mission work in the State.
- 7. The Association took steps in 1844, to publish a monthly periodical, to be devoted to the exposition and defense of the Con-

gregational system of church polity and to the promotion of religion generally." Hence came into being the *Michigan Congregationalists* which the Association, in 1845, transferred with its ownership and responsibility to a private company. The further history of this paper is not a matter of record. Again, in 1863, a committee was approinted on a religious paper. After cogitating the matter a year, it reported, in 1864, "the establishment of such a paper as desirable and feasible;" but in 1865, the matter was indefinitely postponed.

- 8. In 1857, a committee was appointed on the expediency of raising a relief fund for the widows and orphans of deceased Congregational ministers. They reported, in 1858, and the matter was referred to another committee, which reported, in 1859, "that they found no such widows and orphans in the State." Again, in 1860, the committee reported that there was no need of such fund, and recommended that the matter be dropped for the present. The matter came up again in 1872, but the committee reported in 1874 that the project was "impracticable." Yet a plan was presented in 1880, which has been adopted at this meeting, for caring for needy ministers and their families.
- 9. We give the following data for the guidance of the Association in settling the ever-recurring question of the time in the week when the annual meeting should be held. The record of changes is as follows,—the session beginning in the evening of the first day mentioned, and closing on the second day mentioned:

| 1842–1857 | \cdots Tuesday \cdots | ···· Thursday. |
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| 1858–1866 | \dots Thursday \dots | Monday. |
| 1867–1873 | ····· Wednesday · · · · | ····Sunday. |
| | Tuesday | |
| | Wednesday | |

10. Under the Plan of Union of 1801," the committee of the American Home Missionary Society, in 1831, informed Rev. John D. Pierce, that it was best for him, and that it was expected, that he should join the Presbytery; and that it would not be either desirable or wise to organize any Congregational churches in Michigan (2 Congregational Quarterly, 192). In spite of this attempt to confine Congregationalism to New England, (Third), churches were organized, and when they formed this General As-

sociation they naturally looked with disfavor on the Plan of Union which had been used against them. This appeared in the Convention of 1846 at Michigan City, and in the approval which this Association gave to the action of that Convention on the Plan of Union at its next meeting, October, 1846. It had previously, in 1845 proposed a modified form of that plan, which the synod of Michigan refused to concur in. The General Association, in 1846, hesitated about entering into co-operation with the Presbyterians in "the Education Society of Michigan," which the Synod of Michigan had organized.

In the same line, a committee was appointed, in 1850, to inquire into the ecclesiastical relations of the missionaries of the American Board. We find no report of this committee.

11. We may gather a few other points of interest.

In 1843, the General Association voted that it is not "expedient for a Congregational minister to baptize by immersion one who has been baptized in infancy.

The Association appointed, in 1852, a Historical Committee, which in 1862 reported, urging local Associations to see that duplicate copies of historical sketches be prepared. It may be well for the Association to inquire what has become of the results of the labors of this Historical Committee.

The Association has repeatedly expressed its approval and commendation of Olivet College, the Oberlin and Chicago Theological Seminaries, and our various Benevolent and Missionary Societies.

- 12. As to the form and matter of the minutes, we would say a few things in conclusion:
- a. They have grown from a meagre pamphlet of eighteen pages with no statistical tables to a volume of one hundred and four pages, including forty-three pages of statistical and other tables.
 - b Our minutes are among the handsomest now published.
- c They should contain a record of all matters of interest and value to our churches, resolutions, reports, statistics, and papers of special interest. Of all things the statistical tables and the list of ministers in connection should be published as of greatest value.

The journal of the Association should contain the minutes of the body just as they are approved by the Association, in order that they may have legal value.

- d All tables and lists should be arranged alphabetically.
- e The minutes should be paid for by tax on the churches per capita on resident members, and distributed pro rata. The tax for the Minutes for the last five years, on resident membership, as drawn from the published treasurer's report, together with postage, salary, stationary, notices of meetings, schedules, and other incidental expenditures, excluding tax for year book and minutes of National Council, averages only a fraction over two and one-half cents annually,—not a large sum to pay for the blessed fellowship of the saints, and the business connected with our organic union in the General Association. The normal way of meeting the expenditure is that adopted at the beginning, a tax assessed on churches in local Associations.

In our minutes we have found no attempt by the Association to exercise authority over individuals or churches, no complaint of such attempt from any quarter, no division or threatened division of the body over any question, nothing to indicate that confidence and love between its members were ever put to serious strain. Let us thank God for such sweet fellowship, and seek ever to foster and perpetuate it.

A. HASTINGS ROSS.

F.

THE CONSTITUTION AND RULES.

PREAMBLE.

Believing that the principles of the Congregational system of church government are plainly taught in the Scriptures; and believing that system to be better adapted than any other to promote the welfare of the Christian Church; and believing, moreover, that the extension and efficiency of the system would be greatly promoted by organizing a General Association of the Congregational ministers and churches of Michigan; we, therefore, to form such an Association, adopt the following

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I.-NAME.

This Ecclesiastical Organization shall be called the General Association of the Congregational Churches and Ministers of Michigan.

ARTICLE II. OBJECT.

This Association declaring that it will exercise no ecclesiastical control or authority over the ministers and churches belonging to it, assumes for its object to promote Christian fellowship among its members; to obtain and disseminate information relative to the churches throughout the State, our country and the world; and by prayers, counsels and faithful efforts, to advance the cause of truth and holiness.

ARTICLE III. - MEMBERS.

Any minister who is a member—made such by vote—in regular standing in any local Conference or Association in this State, which assents to the Constitution of this General Association, is a

member of this body, and being present shall be entitled to a seat therein; and every church regularly connected with any such local Conference or Association shall be entitled to a representation in this body by a delegate chosen for that purpose, and a quorum or larger number of such ministers and delegates, together with those made members ex officio by the Rules, assembled according to Article V., shall constitute the General Association of Michigan.

ARTICLE IV. -- OFFICERS.

The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, Assistant Moderator, and Scribe, elected annually by ballot, and Assistant Scribe, chosen *viva voce* at each meeting, and a Secretary, elected triennially by ballot, who shall be the Treasurer of the Association. The duties of these officers shall be as indicated by the designation of their office.

ARTICLE V.-MEETING.

The annual meeting of this Association shall be held at such place as shall have been selected at the previous meeting, and shall begin on the third Wednesday of May, at 7:30 P. M., and not to stand adjourned until after an evening service on the following Sabbath. If any exigency shall arise which, in the unanimous opinion of the Moderator, Secretary and Scribe, requires an extra meeting of this body, or a change in either the time or place of the annual meeting thereof, it shall be competent for these officers to call such extra meeting, or to make such a change upon giving adequate notice.

ARTICLE VI.-QUORUM.

A number of members equal to one-fifth of the number of churches entitled to representation shall be a quorum for the transaction of business; but at the time and place of meeting a smaller number may organize the body.

ARTICLE VII.—STANDING COMMITTEES.

1. At each meeting of the Association there shall be chosen a Business Committee of six, three of whom shall retire each year in the order of their election, and three shall be chosen annually, one of whom shall be the minister of the church with which the Association votes next to meet. This committee shall cause to be

offered to the Association such papers on doctrine, duty, and polity, and to present such topics for discussion as they deem expedient; they shall nominate and report to this body a preacher and alternate for the next meeting of the Association, make arrangements for all the missionary and other public meetings to be held by the Association, and prepare the order of business for each session, placing a docket of the same in the hands of the Moderator; and no business shall be introduced without their consent, except by a vote of the body upon appeal.

- 2. There shall be a Nominating Committee of three to be chosen by ballot each year in the first business session of the body, whose duty shall be to make all nominations of committees not otherwise provided for. This committee shall elect its own Chairman and Scribe, and shall keep a record of all nominations confirmed by the Association.
- 3. A Committee on the Narrative, consisting of three, of whom the Secretary shall be one, shall be chosen annually for the ensuing year, to whom the Scribe of each local Conference or Association shall send a written narrative of the state of religion within its bounds as soon as possible after its meeting next preceding the annual meeting of this body, which this committee shall form into a general narrative to be presented to this body; and, if approved, to be published in the Minutes.
- 4. An Obituary Committee of three shall be chosen annually, who shall make fit report to this Association of the death of those ministers who at their decease were, or long had been, members of the body.

ARTICLE VIII.—CONFESSION.

WE BELIEVE:

- 1. In the One Supreme God, the Creator, Preserver, Sovereign Ruler and Final Judge of all; in the Trinity of the Godhead; and in the Infinite perfections of the Father, the Son, and the Höly Ghost.
- 2. In the full inspiration and authority of the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, as the revealed will of God and our rule of faith and practice.

- 3. In the apostacy and depravity of our race, and in their consequent need of regeneration and sanctification by the Spirit and truth of God.
- 4. In the incarnation of God in the person of Jesus Christ, the Supreme head of the Church, our Prophet, Priest and King; and in his atonement as the only ground of man's salvation, and as sufficient for all.
- 5. In the eternal purpose of God; and in the substantial and conscious freedom of man.
- 6. In the election of true believers; and in their perseverance through faith unto salvation.
- 7. In keeping the Lord's day as the Christian Sabbath; in baptizing believers and their children; and in observing the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.
- 8. In the resurrection of the dead; in the final judgment; in the eternal life of the righteous; and in the eternal punishment of the wicked.

ARTICLE IX, -NATIONAL COUNCIL.

This Association, appreciating the fellowship of the churches, and the need of comprehensive plans for advancing the Redeemer's Kingdom, will be represented by delegates in the National Council.

ARTICLE X.—AMENDMENTS.

This Constitution may be changed or amended at any regular meeting of the Association, by a two-thirds vote of the members present, provided the intended change, or amendment, shall have been proposed in substance at the previous meeting.

RULES.

- 1. Organization.—The annual meeting shall be opened with a sermon, after which the Moderator, or in his absence the Secretary, or the minister of the church with which the Association meets, shall call the members to order, and shall preside till the body is organized by the election of a Moderator and Scribe, a majority of the votes cast being necessary to such election.
- 2. On the first evening of the meeting the Secretary shall circulate cards, on which the members and corresponding members shall write their names and titles, together with the name of their Church, local Conference, Association, or Corresponding Body, and from these cards he shall make out a roll to be reported early the next day.
- 3. Only the Business Committee shall propose the names of honorary members.
- 4. Conduct of Business.—Each session shall be opened and closed with prayer. The minutes shall be read for correction on the morning of each day, and shall be approved at the close of the meeting.
- 5. The usages of like deliberative bodies shall be observed in defining the duties of officers and in the conduct of business.
- 6. When a motion is under debate no motion shall be received except for adjournment, amendment, postponement, commitment, division of the question, yeas and nays, or the previous question viz: Shall the main question now be put? and these motions, except for amendment, shall not be debated.
- 7. In debate no member, without leave of the body, shall speak more than ten minutes, nor more than once while others wish to occupy the floor. The time to be occupied by addresses of corresponding members and members of benevolent societies shall be determined by the Business Committee.
- 8. Duties of Local Bodies.—Each local Conference or Association shall furnish to the Secretary of this body, through its Scribe or Committee, according to the schedule, its statistics, as they were on the last day of March next preceding the annual meeting of this Association.
- 9. It shall be the duty of each local Conference or Association to pay, through its Scribe, to the Treasurer of this Association at its annual meeting, whatever money may remain due from that body, whether the same shall have been collected or not.

- 10. Duties of Secretary and Treasurer.—It shall be the duty of the Secretary to give due notice through the newspapers of the time and place of each meeting; to furnish the Scribes of local Conferences or Associations with schedules for statistical reports; to publish the Minutes, statistical reports, and such other documents as the Association shall direct.
- 11. He shall have charge of all moneys belonging to the Association, and shall disburse the same as this body shall direct. He shall annually report the condition of the Treasury, and shall give an estimate of the expenses for the ensuing year.
- 12. Committees.—A Financial Committee of three shall be chosen annually, who shall audit the Treasurer's account and apportion the expenses of this Association to the local Conferences or Associations according to their number of church members respectively.
- 13. Members of committees holding over from year to year, shall be ex officio members of the Association during their term of office.
- 14. Correspondence.—Any member of this Association, if present at the meeting of any corresponding body, shall be authorized to represent the Association therein. For his certificate this rule shall be sufficient; and he may report to this body at its next annual meeting.
- 15. Delegates to the National Council.—At each meeting of this Association previous to a National Council, and on the third day of the meeting Delegates and Alternates, half of each to be laymen, shall be chosen by ballot to represent the churches of this State in the next National Council.
- 16. Roll to be Furnished Nominating Committee—It shall be the duty of the Scribe, early in the sessions of the body, to furnish the Nominating Committee a copy of the roll of members.
- 17. Suspension of Rules.—Any of these Rules, except the Eighteenth, may be suspended for the time being by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.
- 18. AMENDMENT OF RULES.—Any motion to alter, establish, or annul permanently any rule of this body, shall be read on two-different days, and may be debated at each reading. At the first reading the question shall be: Shall it be read a second time?

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OUR PLAN OF CONDUCTING HOME MISSIONS.

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- 1. This Association shall appoint annually, and on the second day of the meeting, a Board of Directors for Home Missions, to consist of the State Superintendent of Missions, and one from the Missionary Committee of each local Conference or Association of Churches, and four lay members chosen from the churches of the State at large.
- 2. This Board of Directors shall nominate to this Association, and the Association shall appoint, an Executive Committee of seven, who may be members of the Board, of which the State Superintendent of Missions shall be one, to hold office three years, the term of office to be so arranged that two members other than said Superintendent, shall be appointed each year.
- 3. The Board of Directors shall have charge of the apportionment to each local Conference or Association of Churches of its proper share of the Home Missionary funds to be expended in the State, and also of raising the funds to be contributed by the churches for Home Missions.
- 4. The duties of the Executive Committee shall be to receive and pass upon all applications for aid, after the same shall have been approved by the proper local Conference or Associational Committee. They shall also have charge of all matters affecting the Home Missionary interests of the State during the intervals between the meetings of the Board of Directors, and shall make an annual report.
- 5. The Board of Directors shall hold their annual meeting during the annual meeting of the General Association, and other meetings whenever necessary. The Executive Committee shall determine its own time and place of meeting.
- 6. Any vacancy in the Board of Directors shall be filled by the proper local committee. The Executive Committee shall fill vacancies in its own membership, occurring during the interval between the meetings of the Board of Directors.

STATISTICS OF THE CHURCHES.

From March 31st, 1882, to April 1st, 1883.

N. B.—The names of Ministers connected with the General Association, with their Postoffice address, will be found on the last two pages, corrected to April 1, 1883.

The letters "Ins," opposite the names of Ministers, indicate they have been installed, and the letters "Recog," they have been recognized. A blank, by direction of the General Association, is left opposite the rest.

For the P. O. address of the Churches, see Tabular View of the Clerks, etc., pp. 96-102.

I.—CHEBOYGAN CONFERENCE.

| *Of Grand Divor Confessor | 111111111111 | Name, | CHURCHES | |
|---------------------------|--|------------------------|------------------|--|
| | Mar. 11, 1879 June 8, 1867 Feb. 27, 1879 Sept. 3, 1879 Sept. 30, 1879 Apr. 26, 1877 Jan. 15, 1875 Feb. 75, 1874 Oct. 4, 1876 Peb. 22, 1863 Dec. 8, 1880 Mar. 15, 1876 | Organized. | ES. | |
| | *Ira B. Jones | Minister. | MINISTERS | |
| | | Relation. | RS. | |
| 144 225 369 £4 62 | Sept. 1, 1882 May 1, 1880 Nov. 1, 1881 Sept. 1, 1882 July 1, 1880 Apr. 1, 1880 July, 1, 1880 Feb. 1, 1881 Mar. 5, 1882 Oct. 1, 1881 Nov. 1, 1881 Feb. 1, 1881 | Commenced Labor. | | |
| 144 | 55 ± ± ± ± ± ± ± ± ± ± ± ± ± ± ± ± ± ± | Males. | No. | |
| 225 | 6233-75-7-831-22-8 6233-7-5-7-8-8-7-8-8-7-8-8-8-8-8-8-8-8-8-8-8 | Females. | INC | |
| 369 | 1174505555555555555555555555555555555555 | Total. | NO. IN CHURCHES. | |
| 42 | 0440011400000000 | Absent. | HES. | |
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| 19 | 0002730400 | Letter. | ADMISSIONS. | |
| 81 | 112 112 111 112 111 112 112 113 114 115 115 115 115 115 115 115 115 115 | Total. | NS. | |
| 2 | 001000100000 | Deaths. | h-1 | |
| 10 | 00-0-00000000 | Dismissed. | REMOVALS. | |
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| 9 | 000000000000000000000000000000000000000 | Infants. | BAPT. | |
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Central Conference. **Last Year's Report.

CHEBOYGAN CONFERENCE.

Formed February 13, 1878.

Scribe, Rev. PAGE F. McClelland.

Meetings:—First Tuesday in June and Third Tuesday in December.

MINISTERIAL MEMBERS.

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| Minister, | Wayland. |
| Minister, | Cadillac. |
| Minister, | Atwood, |
| Retired, | Northport. |
| Student, | Andover Semin'y. |
| Minister, | Northport. |
| Minister, | Mancelona. |
| Minister, | Kalkaska. |
| Minister, | Vanderbilt. |
| | Minister, Minister, Retired, Student, Minister, Minister, Minister, |

Licentiates.

| N. J. Carey, | - | | - | - | - | - | - | - | | Alba. |
|--------------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|-------------|
| Chas. E. Newberry, | | | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | St. Ignace. |
| O. B. Thornton, - | - | - | - | • | - | • | - | - | | Berryville. |

II.—CHIPPEWA AND MACKINAC CONFERENCE.

| Bay Mills | Name. | CHURCHES |
|---|-----------------------|------------------|
| May 30, 1880 Oct. 16, 1882 Nov. 7, 1880 Nov. 4, 1880 Dec. 15, 1882 May 27, 1880 May 28, 1880 May 30, 1880 Oct. 31, 1881 | Organized. | ķ |
| William Curry | Minister. | MINISTERS |
| | Relation. | RS. |
| Mar. 25, 1879 Sept. 1, 1882 Sept. 1, 1882 Sept. 17, 1882 Sept. 17, 1882 Sept. 17, 1882 Jan. 1, 1883 July 7, 1880 | Commenced Labor. | |
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| 68 9 9 6 6 6 8 8 | Females. | INC |
| 14 5 11 11 11 11 11 11 130 | Total. | NO. IN CHURCHES. |
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*Licentiate. †Of Northern Association of Kansas, ‡Last Year's Leport.

CHIPPEWA AND MACIKNAC CONFERENCE.

Formed March 17, 1880.

Scribe, Rev. Erastus S. Curry.

Meetings:-First Tuesday in February and Second Tuesday in July.

MINISTERIAL MEMBERS.

| Names. | Ordained. | Employment. | Residence. |
|-------------------|-----------------|-------------|------------|
| Erastus S. Curry, | June, 16, 1866, | Minister, | Newberry. |
| William Curry, | May 30, 1880, | Minister, | Bay Mills. |
| Isaac G. Gordon, | May 27, 1880, | Minister, | Naubinway. |
| Albert Livermore, | Nov. 16, 1874, | Minister, | Nashville. |
| | | | |

Licentiate.

Isaac B. Lillie, - - - - Strongville.

III.—EASTERN CONFERENCE.

| Ontario and Quebec. #No report | Total32 | Almont Armada Bruce Chesterfield Columbus Columbus Detroit, Ist Detroit, Irumbull Ave. Detroit, Fort Wayne Flat Rock Imlay City Lexington Memphis Memphis Memphis Nankin and Livonia New Baltimore Oakwood Orion Oxford Pontiac Port Sanilac Port Sanilac Ray Rochester Romeo Royal Oak Royal Oak St. Clair Wayne White Rock White Rock Well Rochester Romeo Wayne Wayne Wayne Wayne Wayne | Name. | CHURCHES |
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| 7D | 1 | Dec. 6, 1838 Sept. 27, 1838 July 31, 1833 Feb. 13, 1843 Apr. 25, 1844 Apr. 27, 1886 Apr. 27, 1881 Apr. 28, 1881 Apr. 29, 1881 Apr. 21, 1872 Sept. 16, 1866 June 24, 1840 Mar. 14, 1878 Apr. 29, 1886 June 20, 1888 Jan. 12, 1888 May 20, 1848 Jan. 1853 Feb. 6, 1831 May 17, 1840 Sept. 18, 1853 Feb. 27, 1877 Feb. 6, 1831 June 27, 1877 Feb. 1838 June 27, 1877 Feb. 27, 1849 Sept. 1, 1849 Sept. 1, 1849 Aug. 16, 1842 Feb. 10, 1841 Jan. 11, 1855 Aug. 10, 1841 | Organized. | \ \frac{5}{2} |
| since 1878. #No report since 1879. | | *Henry N. Bissell Jacob Flook Ward I. Hunt Zachary Fddy Moses Smith Robt W. Wallace †Abram B. Allen Robt Parsons Andrew O. Cossar Wm. Woodmansee Charles A. Perry Henry S. Jenkinson †Marcus S. Angell Jacob Flook Elihu Loomis Chas. H. Keays Chas. H. Keays Chas. H. Keays A. Hastings Ross A. Hastings Ross Sullivan F. Gale **Richard Vivian Clarence Eddy Malan H. Wright Malan H. Wright | Minister. | MINISTERS. |
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| e Confe erence. | 107 | | Pro ession. | A |
| Conference. | 123 | 000007450225682121100011211222 | Letter. | ADMI88IONS. |
| nce. | 230 | 200446 | Total. | ONS. |
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EASTERN ASSOCIATION.

Formed May 12, 1840.

Scribe, Rev. P. R. HURD.

Registrar of Conference, Rev. R. W. WALLACE.

Meetings:—Second Tuesday in October and February.
MINISTERS.

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| Names. | Ordained. | Employment. | Residence. |
| Simeon O. Allen, | December 1, 1870, | Editor, | Elizabeth, N. J. |
| Robert G. Baird, | Feb. 11, 1859, | Sec. Ag. Col. | Lansing. |
| John A. Baldwin, | Oct. 14, 1875, | Without Charge, | Detroit. |
| Daniel Berney, | Feb. 21, 1836, | Without Charge, | Port Sanilac. |
| Edward A. Berry, | Sept. 4, 1870, | Teacher, | St. Clair. |
| Spencer R. Bonnell, | July 2, 1878, | Minister, | Unionville, Ohio. |
| Samuel D. Breed, | Feb. 19, 1862, | Without Charge, | Ypsilanti. |
| Anselm B. Brown, | June 20, 1873, | Teacher, | Detroit. |
| Motier A. Bullock, | Oct. 19, 1876, | Minister, | Silverton, Col. |
| Andrew O. Cossar, | Aug. 15, 1876, | Minister, | Imlay City. |
| F. W. Dickinson, | June 17, 1868, | Minister, | W. Williamsfield, O. |
| Clarence Eddy, | April 5, 1865, | Minister, | St. Clair. |
| Zachary Eddy, | March 16, 1835, | Minister, | Detroit. |
| Jacob Flook, | Nov. 23, 1880, | Minister, | New Haven. |
| Sullivan F. Gale, | June 23, 1861, | Minister, | Romeo. |
| N. Dimic Glidden, | April 9, 1859, | Minister. | Hubbardston. |
| Nelson Green, | May 2, 1858, | Minister, | Detroit. |
| Robert Hovenden, | Nov. 21, 1860, | Minister, | Wacousta. |
| Ward I. Hunt, | June 4, 1854, | Minister, | Columbus. |
| Philo R. Hurd, | July 1, 1840, | Without Charge, | Detroit. |
| Henry S. Jenkinson, | June 18, 1882, | Minister, | Metamora. |
| Thomas Jones, | Sept. 6, 1837, | Without Charge, | Detroit. |
| Chas. H. Keays, | Aug. 1, 1882, | Minister. | Oxford. |
| Edward D. Kelsey, | April 21, 1881, | Minister, | Almont. |
| Harvey D. Kitchel, | Feb. 20, 1839, | Without Charge, | East Liverpool, O. |
| James D. Liggett, | Dec. 18, 1859, | Without Charge, | Detroit. |
| Elihu Loomis, | Oct. 22, 1851, | Minister, | Oakwood. |
| Martin Lowry, | April 24, 1864, | Minister. | Port Sanilac. |
| David C. McNair, | Oct. 30, 1879, | Without Charge, | Wayne. |
| Austin H. Norris, | Dec. 22, 1872, | Minister, | Richmond. |
| Robert Parsons, | May 10, 1854, | Minister, | Flat Rock. |
| Charles H. Perry, | Oct. 16, 1882, | Minister, | Memphis. |
| Samuel Phillips, | Feb. 13, 1838, | Without Charge, | Disco. |
| A. Hastings Ross, | Oct. 17th, 1861, | Minister. | Port Huron. |
| Moses Smith, | Feb. 21, 1859, | Minister, | Detroit. |
| Edward P. Stone, | Oct. 14, 1861, | Without Charge, | Arkdale. |
| Oren C. Thompson, | Nov, 1834, | Without Charge, | Detroit. |
| Robert W. Wallace, | May 26, 1872, | Minister, | • |
| William P. Wastell, | June, 1832, | Retired. | Detroit. Clinton. |
| William Woodmansee, | Dec. 10, 1871. | Minister, | |
| Malan H. Wright, | March 16, 1822, | Minister, | Lexington. Utica. |
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IV.—GENESEE CONFERENCE.

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| n, Mass. ¶Of Hampshire Cong'l I Of Monmouth Association, Eng. | | *Ansel W. Westgate *Ansel W. Westgate William W. Lyle Charles H. Stevens Walter D. King Frank L. Bristol Alfred T. Waterman John B. Dawson Ester B. Flatt Richard M. Kellogg Fayette Hurd George E. Lincoln John B. Dawson John B. Dawson John B. Dawson John B. Dawson John T. Husted John T. Husted John T. Husted Jonathan E. Richards William C. Calla d Jonathan E. Lincoln John Jones Jonathan E. Lincoln John Jones Jonathan E. Lincoln John Jones Lincoln Hyames Verney Hiames Verney Richard M. Burgess | Minister. | MINISTERS |
| q | | | Relation. | So. |
| nion, Eng. †Of Nassau Presbytery, **Of Nottinghamshire Cong'l Union, | | June 1, 1881 June 10, 1883 June 10, 1883 June 1, 1881 June 1, 1881 June 1, 1882 Apr. 1, 1882 Apr. 1, 1882 Apr. 16, 1883 June 1, 1883 | Commenced Labor. | According to the speciment of a contract continuous and states of the speciment of the spec |
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| sau I | 1511 | 27 ¹ c-8582727827882788748678852888823 | Females. | N CE |
| ng'l | 2248 | 38 244 36 36 36 36 36 36 36 36 36 36 36 36 36 | Total. | NO. IN CHURCHES |
| nion | 231 | 20000112000222000000000000000000000000 | Absent. | IES. |
| , Eng. | 67 | | Profession. | ADN |
| ₩ K | 118 | 14 14 15 15 15 15 15 15 15 15 15 15 15 15 15 | Letter. | ADMISSIONS, |
| Last | 189 | 10000000000000000000000000000000000000 | Total. | NS. |
| Yes | 31 | 000011000041114000000000000000000000000 | Deaths, | я |
| are o | 823 | 32008100801010101014081 488800880008 | Dismissed. | EMO |
| rođe. rr 10 | 13 | 000000000000000000000000000000000000000 | Ex-com. | REMOVALS. |
| t. | 126 | 80000470854 4555 44860 46600 | Total. | , or |
| ag A | 24 | 104000000000000000000000000000000000000 | Adults. | BAPT. |
| 1008 | 61 | 040000041700000000000000000000000000000 | Infants. | ř. |
| Last Year's report. | 2979 | 250 300 300 300 300 300 300 300 300 300 3 | Whole Num Sunday S | ber in chool. |

GENESEE CONFERENCE.

Formed October 15, 1845.

Scribe, Rev. Alfred T. WATERMAN.

Meetings:—The Fourth Tuesday in April and October.

| | MILLIDITION | THE PERIOD | |
|-----------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| Names. | Ordained. | Employment. | Residence. |
| Theophilus C. Abbott, | June 7, 1867, | Pres. Ag. Col. | Lansing. |
| Horatio A. Barker, | Oct. 10, 1852, | Minister, | Oakley. |
| Frank L. Bristol, | Oct. 21, 1875, | Minister, | Ithaca. |
| Richard M. Burgess, | Dec. 23, 1875, | Minister, | Clio. |
| William C. Calland, | Dec. 7, 1880, | Minister, | St. Louis. |
| John B. Dawson, | Oct. 19, 1860, | Minister, | Essexville. |
| Warren F. Day, | May 2, 1866, | Minister, | East Saginaw. |
| Lewis P. Frost, | Sept. 20, 1850, | Without Charge, | Janesville, Wis. |
| Fayette Hurd, | Oct. 1, 1863, | Minister, | Grand Blanc. |
| John T. Husted, | Oct. 4, 1868, | Minister, | Ovid. |
| Wilfred M. Kellogg, | Sept. 30, 1872, | Minister, | Goodrich. |
| Walter D. King, | Nov. 16, 1881, | Minister, | Bridgeport. |
| Lucius O. Lee, | Nov. 17, 1875, | Missionary, | Marash, Turkey. |
| George E. Lincoln, | Aug. 24, 1878, | Minister, | Hartland. |
| William W. Lyle, | Sept. 3, 1850, | Minister, | Bay City. |
| J. Monroe Lyon, | Dec. 2, 1879, | Minister, | Rochester. |
| Lester B. Platt, | Nov. 5, 1877, | Minister, | Flint. |
| Jonathan E. Richards, | Sept. 3, 1876, | Minister, | St. Johns. |
| Edwin Rose, | Sept. 30, 1874, | Minister, | Bowling Green, O. |
| Samuel Sessions, | Oct. 9, 1832, | Retired. | St. Johns, |
| Edwin W. Shaw, | Sept, 1858, | Without Charge, | Lansing. |
| Charles H. Stevens, | Sept. 13, 1881, | Minister, | Alma. |
| Alfred T. Waterman, | Nov. 9, 1864, | Minister, | East Tawas. |
| George H. Wilson, | Sept. 6, 1876, | Minister, | Owosso, |
| | Licentie | ates. | |
| Luther E. Brown, - | | | - Sidney, Neb. |
| Andrew M. Cross, | | | - White Rock. |

| Luther E. Brown, | • | - | - | ** | - | - | ente | - | | Sidney, Neb. |
|------------------|---|---|---|----|---|-----|------|---|---|---------------|
| Andrew M. Cross, | | - | _ | - | - | - | - | - | - | White Rock. |
| W. D. Fowler, - | - | - | - | - | - | *** | - | - | | East Saginaw. |

V.—GRAND RIVER CONFERENCE.

| *Of Worcestershire County Association, -unordained. #Student of Yale Seminary. | 1000120 | 90 | | | | | Lamont | | th | pids, 1st pids, 2d | Freeport | Eastmanville | East Irving | Dorr | Cedar Springs | Cannon. | Bradley | dale,_ | Ada, 1st Ada, 2d | T. T. | Name. | | CHURCHES |
|--|---------|--------------|----------|-------------------------------|----------------|---------------------|---------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------------|---|--------------|-------------|----------------|---------------|-------------------|---------------|-------------------------------|---------------------|--------------|------------|-----|------------------|
| e County Ass lent of Yale Se | | June 5, 1860 | 20 | Feb. 23, 1847 Feb. 8, 1880 | | , just | 4,00 | I, | 12 | 25. | May 2, 1880 | 0 | | 27 | May 9 1874 | · C | Nov. 20, 1879 | ۇسى | Sept. 28, 1849 | | Organized. | | ES. |
| ociation, England. †Of minary. Unassociated. | | Geo. Candee | | Wm. A. Fowler | w. s. Bugbey | James M. Van Wagner | W. S. Bugbey | ttJohn McGreen | Sargent | J. Morgan Smith | | | | Geo. Candee | tOzro N Hunt | Danforth L. Eaton | Henry H Smith | Clarence Finster | *Thomas Parker | | Minister, | | MINISTERS |
| ₩e | - | 1 | 11 | 1 | | | | | Ins. | | _ | | - | | - | | İ | | | Rel | ation. | | RS. |
| Western Conference. ¶Last year's report. | | Aug. 1, 1881 | 1, 1862 | 1, 1883 | 27, 1878 | Oct. 15, 1881 | Oct. 13, 1878 | 3,- | | 10 | | | رىس | Aug. 1 1882 | ţ, | May 1, 1881 | 30 | June 25, 1882 June 1, 1881 | 21 | rapor. | Commenced | | |
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Last year's report. **Report of 1881.

GRAND RIVER CONFERENCE.

Formed January 8, 1846.

Scribe, Rev. Edwin Booth.

Meetings:- On the Second Tuesday in April and October.

| A. T | _ | | |
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| Edwin Booth,, W. S. Bugbey, Wm. H. Cairnduff, Wm. E. Caldwell, Geo. Candee, Danforth L. Eaton, | Ordained. June 10, 1848, Feb. 13, 1866, Oct. 22, 1875, June 7, 1874, Feb. 10, 1863, Nov. 4, 1862, March 1, 1848, | Employment. Without Charge, Minister, Minister, Minister, Minister, Minister, Minister, Minister, | Residence. Ionia. Grandville. Middleville. Frankfort. Onondaga. Wayland. Lowell. |
| D. W. Francis, Henry M. Holliday, Ira B. Jones, John A. Kaley, James A. McKay, Benj. Moore, Wm. H. Osborne, Norman L. Otis, Geo. A Pollard, Wm. G. Puddefoot, Ben. F. Sargent, J. Morgan Smith, Raynsford Taylor, Henry Uiterwyk, James M. Van Wagner, James M. Van W | Feb, 1850, Aug. 30, 1878, March 6, 1866, Sept. 21, 1860, March 10, 1876, Oct. 10, 1844, Nov. 4, 1857, Oct. 15, 1839, Sept. 18, 1859, Sept. 26, 1855, Fan. 29, 1880, une 22, 1877, Aug. 1, 1860, fune 21, 1878, Oct. 28, 1866, an. 1, 1846, uly 9, 1844, | Minister, Minister, Without Charge, Minister, Without Charge, Minister, Without Charge, Without Charge, Without Charge, Minister, Without Charge, Minister, | Coral. Mazon, Ill. Olivet. Alba. Carey, O. Grand Junction, Middleville, Lowell. Crystal. Grand Rapids. St. Ignace. Grand Rapids. California. Grand Rapids. Lowell, Shelby. |

VI.—GRAND TRAVERSE CONFERENCE.

| Total18 | Almira Benzonia Brown Cleon and Marilla Empire Frankfort Glen Arbor Homestead Joyfield Leeland Old Mission Onekama (German) Onekama (English) Pleasanton Sherman Solon Traverse City Witte Water | Name. | CHURCHES |
|---------|--|-----------------------|------------------|
| | Dec. 18, 1864 June 8, 1860 Sept. 27, 1877 June 24, 1872 Max. 26, 1868 Aug. 11, 1867 Appl. 3, 1864 Appl. 3, 1864 Appl. 3, 1864 Appl. 28, 1877 Nov. 26, 1879 Sept. 28, 1874 May 25, 1882 Jan. 28, 1866 Sept. 24, 1872 Sept. 21, 1869 Feb. 1, 1863 | Organized. | Š |
| | Geo. Benford Albert L. Gridley Richard Redeoff Geo. Benford Robert Adams Geo. Benford Darius N. Goodrich *Charles W. Carrick John B. Roberts Lewis E. Hale Enos B. Scott Foseph D. Millard Richard Redeoff Geo. Benford Richard Redeoff Geo. Benford | Minister. | MINISTERS |
| i | | Relation. | S. |
| | May 1, 1881 Aug. 20, 1875 May 1, 1880 May 1, 1881 Oct. 15, 1882 May 28, 1882 May 28, 1882 June 17, 1883 Oct. 29, 1882 June 17, 1883 Oct. 29, 1882 June 17, 1883 Oct. 1, 1877 Mar. 1, 1882 May 1, 1881 May 1, 1881 May 1, 1880 May 1, 1880 May 1, 1880 May 1, 1880 | Commenced Labor. | |
| 241 | 522 522 523 524 524 525 526 527 527 528 528 528 529 529 529 529 529 529 529 529 | Males. | No |
| 304 | 57 57 57 57 57 57 57 57 57 57 57 57 57 5 | Females. | IN C |
| 545 | 100 11428868241188884118888 | Total. | NO. IN CHURCHES. |
| 63 | 84 110 110 110 110 110 110 110 110 110 11 | Absent. | IES. |
| 42 | 100000000000000000000000000000000000000 | Pro'ession. | AD |
| #0 | 12410800223300 | Letter. | ADMISSIONS. |
| 89 | 10 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 | Total. | SNS. |
| 9 | 000200100001113 | Deaths. | |
| 10 | 001000000000000000000000000000000000000 | Dismissed. | REMOVALS. |
| 0 | 000000000000000000000000000000000000000 | Excom. | VAI |
| 19 | 00720010200101 28 | Total. | ğa |
| 18 | 21-00-1220090200 00 | Adults. | ВА |
| 10 | 000000000000000000000000000000000000000 | Infants. | BAPT. |
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*Northern Association of Indiana. †Of Western Conference.

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GRAND TRAVERSE CONFERENCE.

Formed January 1, 1863.

Scribe, Rev. A. L. GRIDLEY.

Meetings:-Third Tuesday in January and Fourth Tuesday in June.

| Names. | Ordained. | Employment. | Residence. |
|---------------------|----------------|------------------|--------------|
| Robert Adams, | July, 1876, | Minister, | Frankfort. |
| Chas. E. Bailey, | 1855, | Sec. G. T. Col., | Benzonia. |
| George Benford, | Aug. 31, 1881, | Minister, | Solon. |
| Darius N. Goodrich, | June 19, 1865, | Minister, | Benzonia. |
| Albert L. Gridley, | Jan. 18, 1876, | Minister, | Benzonia. |
| Lewis E. Hale, | June 12, 1877. | Minister, | Bear Lake. |
| Elihu Linkletter, | Aug. 17, 1876, | Farmer, | Almira. |
| Joseph D. Millard, | July 8, 1862, | Minister, | Bear Lake. |
| Daniel Miller, | Sept. 9, 1868, | Farmer, | Glen Arbor, |
| Richard Redeoff, | June 7, 1861, | Minister, | Sherman. |
| John B. Roberts, | | Minister, | Old Mission. |
| Enos B. Scott, | April 3, 1882, | Minister, | Onekama. |
| J. Malcom Smith, | April 4, 1863, | Without Charge, | Olivet. |

VII.—JACKSON CONFERENCE.

| Total18 | Ann Arbor | Name. | CHURCHES |
|---------|---|--------------------------|------------------|
| | Mar. 23, 1847 Apr. 18, 1854 Feb. 21, 1849 Oct. 16, 1837 Dec. 16, 1837 Dec. 16, 1837 Mar. 6, 1841 Apr. 9, 1865 Mar. 9, 1865 May 25, 1857 Jan. 4, 1877 June 26, 1848 Nov. 2, 1867 Mar. 4, 1869 Oct. 15, 1887 Feb. 26, 1869 Oct. 4, 1881 | Organized. | is. |
| | William H. Ryder— *William H. Blair— Thomas Holmes— Otis B. Waters— John Patchin—— William C. Allen— William C. Allen— John Patchin—— Kendrick H. Crane— *Mills B. Gelston—— †Joseph Swindt——— Helmas H. VanAuken Otis B. Waters—— George H. Grannis— | Minister, | MINISTERS |
| | Rec. | Relation. | RS. |
| | May 1, 1877 July 1, 1879 Sept. 1, 1877 Nov. 1 1882 Dec. 1, 1879 June 10, 1883 May 9, 1880 Nov. 1, 1880 Apr. 1, 1880 Apr. 1, 1880 Apr. 1, 1880 Apr. 1, 1880 Oct. 30, 1877 Nov. 1, 1882 Oct. 4, 1881 | Commenced Labor. | |
| 629 | 132 282 283 284 295 295 295 295 295 295 295 295 295 295 | Males. | NO. |
| 1270 | 177 925 925 927 927 927 927 928 938 938 938 938 938 938 938 938 938 93 | Females. | IN C |
| 1899 | 88821188882188888888888888888888888888 | Total. | NO. IN CHURCHES. |
| 244 | 148 148 149 9 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 | Absent. | IES. |
| 85 | 14 15 15 15 15 15 15 15 15 15 15 15 15 15 | Profession. | AD |
| 98 | 2738600020028604080 | Letter. | Admissions. |
| 178 | 31 19 19 19 19 19 19 19 19 19 19 19 19 19 | Total. | ONS. |
| 31 | 88110100001141416 | Deaths. | |
| 79 | 227222010000000000000000000000000000000 | Dismissed. | REMOVALS, |
| 9 | 000000000000000000000000000000000000000 | Excom. | VAL |
| 119 | 45 55 55 56 11 11 11 11 11 11 11 | Total. | ζΩ |
| 31 | 6010080000H0070006 | Adults. | ВА |
| 18 | H-000H200007000088 | Infants. | BAPT. |
| 1681 | 200 200 200 200 200 200 200 200 200 200 | Whole Numi Sunday Sci | |

*Of Detroit Presbytery. †Of Lansing Presbytery. ‡No Report since 1880.

JACKSON ASSOCIATION.

Formed May 1, 1866.

Scribe, Rev. KENDRICK H. CRANE. Registrar of Conference, Rev. Otis B. Waters.

Meetings:-Third Tuesday in April and October, at 11/2 P. M.

| Names. | Ordained. | Employment. | Residence. |
|----------------------|-----------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| William C. Allen, | June 11, 1873, | Minister, | Leslie. |
| Kendrick H. Crane, | March 4, 1874, | Minister, | Pinckney. |
| Martin L. D'Ooge, | Oct. 16, 1878. | Prof., Mich. Un., | Ann Arbor. |
| Isaac M. Frey. | Sept. 17, 1874, | Minister, | Valley City, Dak. |
| George H. Grannis, | Nov. 1, 1876. | Minister, | Ypsilanti. |
| Thomas Holmes, | Nov. 3, 1844, | Minister, | Chelsea. |
| Jessie W. Hough, | Mar. 13, 1859, | Minister, | Jackson. |
| John Patchin. | July, 25, 1850, | Minister, | Grass Lake. |
| William G. Roberts, | Sept. 10, 1872. | Minister, | Spn'g Valley, Minn. |
| William H. Ryder, | Dec. 14, 1869. | Minister, | Ann Arbor. |
| Helmas H. Van Auken. | Dec. 8, 1864. | Minister, | Union City. |
| Otis B. Waters, | Feb. 12, 1861, | Minister, | Webster. |

VIII.—KALAMAZOO ASSOCIATION.

| Total26 | Allamo Allegan Augusta Augusta Bangor Benton Harbor Benton Harbor Coloma Coloma Coloma Coloma Coloma Covert Covert Dowagiac Galesburg Ganges Grand Junction Hopkins, 1st Hopkins, 2d Hopkins, 2d Kalamazoo, 1st Kalamazoo, Plymouth Keeler Lawrence Mattawan Otsego Saugatuck South Haven St. Joseph Three Oaks Vicksburg Vicksburg | Name. | CHURCHES |
|---------|---|------------------------|------------------|
| | Dec. 3, 1867 June 10, 1858 July 26, 1849 Jan. 24, 1883 June 13, 1866 Nov. 20, 1879 June 16, 1853 Mar. 8, 1870 July 9, 1850 Aug. 18, 1852 Apr. 24, 1857 Mar. 27, 1878 May. 27, 1878 May. 19, 1885 May 27, 1878 May. 19, 1885 May 27, 1886 May 28, 1867 July 7, 1887 July 7, 1887 July 7, 1887 July 2, 1867 July 2, 1867 July 2, 1867 July 2, 1867 July 2, 1856 Apr. 28, 1854 Mar. 12, 1856 Apr. 28, 1854 Mar. 12, 1856 Apr. 28, 1854 Mar. 12, 1856 | Organized. | ZZ. |
| | Nathan'l D. Lanphear Isaac W. McKeever_ Edward H. Harvey_ Albert B. Cochran. William H. Brewster. Porter B. Parrey_ **Willis E. Parsons_ Elizur Andrus_ Levi P. Spelman_ Peter W. Perry_ Edward C. Winslow_ *James A. McKay_ Edward G. Winslow_ Charles O. Brown_ John P. Sanderson_ Charles O. Brown_ John P. Sanderson_ Frank A. C. Bradford_ TAlexander D. Stowell Wm. H. Skentleberry Moses M. Martin_ Moses M. Martin_ Moses M. Martin_ | Minister, | MINISTERS |
| | | Relation. | RS. |
| | June 1, 1881 Sept. 4, 1881 Sept. 15, 1882 Jan. 1, 1883 Jan. 1, 1883 Oct. 1, 1879 May 20, 1883 Mar. 1, 1887 Mar. 1, 1887 Jan. 1, 1887 Jan. 1, 1881 Nov. 22, 1882 Sept. 20, 1882 Sept. 20, 1882 Sept. 27, 1882 Sept. 27, 1883 June 7, 1883 June 1, 1883 June 1, 1883 June 1, 1883 June 1, 1880 | Commenced Labor. | |
| 749 | 114 449 469 469 469 469 469 469 46 | Males. | NO |
| 1353 | 28885555555555555555555555555555555555 | Females. | IN C |
| 2102 | 1425 99 1425 155 155 155 155 155 155 155 155 155 1 | Total. | NO. IN CHURCHES. |
| 277 | 8100 6 6 5 5 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 | Absent. | SEE |
| 42 | 102 4801333010000000000000000000000000000000 | Profession. | <u> </u> |
| 72 | 222 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 | Letter. | *SNOISBIMUS |
| 133 | | Total. | ·SNO |
| 15 | 100000000000000000000000000000000000000 | Deaths. | |
| 72 | V440-0000000000000000000000000000000000 | Dismissed. | REMOVALS |
| 6 | 0-000000000000000000000000000000000000 | Excom. | VAI |
| 93 | ∞ ₹ 404884888700000000000000000000000000000 | Total. | Ša |
| 16 | 000000000000000000000000000000000000000 | Adults. | ВА |
| 177 | 000010000000000000000000000000000000000 | Infants. | BAPT. |
| 3010 | 255 86 87 87 87 87 87 87 87 87 87 87 87 87 87 | Whole Num Sunday Sc | |

*Of Grand River Conference. †Licentiate. ‡Unassociated. ‡Of Lansing Association. **Student of Princeton Seminary. †Last Year's Report. ¶Relation not given,

KALAMAZOO ASSOCIATION.

Formed June 1, 1849.

Registrar, Rev. Levi P. Spelman.

Meetings:-First Tuesday in April and October.

MINISTERIAL MEMBERS.

| Names. | Ordained | Employment. | Residence. |
|-----------------------|--------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| John Allworth. | March 10, 1874, | Without Charge, | Detroit. |
| Elizur Andrus, | Sept. 27, 1850, | Minister, | Cooper. |
| Thomas G. Baxter, | March 19, 1883, | Minister, | Dorr. |
| Park A. C. Bradford, | July 30, 1879. | Minister, | Lawrence. |
| William H. Brewster, | July 8, 1838, | Minister, | Benton Harbor, |
| Frank A. Bissell, | March 28, 1882. | Minister, | Otsego. |
| Chas. O. Brown, | April 28, 1875, | Minister, | Kalamazoo. |
| Albert B. Cochran, | Feb. 28, 1882. | Minister, | Bangor. |
| Joseph S. Graves, | April 10, 1843, | Without Charge, | Niles. |
| Edward H. Harvey, | May -, 1872, | Minister, | Augusta. |
| Ozro N. Hunt, | Sept. 21, 1878, | Minister, | Cedar Springs. |
| John S. Kidder, | Sept. 12, 1843, | Retired, | Hopkins. |
| Nathaniel D. Lanphear | Nov. 16, 1876, | Minister, | Alamo. |
| Isaac W. McKeever. | Oct. 20, 1861, | Minister, | Allegan. |
| Moses M. Martin, | Aug. 25, 1864, | Minister, | Three Oaks. |
| Geo. R. Milton, | Jan. 18. 1876. | Minister, | Winnebego, Ill. |
| Porter B. Parrey, | Sept. 29, 1847, | Minister, | Bridgeman. |
| Peter W. Perry, | Sept. 14, 1856, | Minister, | Dowagiac. |
| John Sailor, | June 10, 1848, | Minister, | Grand Rapids. |
| John P. Sanderson, | Aug. 20, 1876. | Minister, | Kalamazoo. |
| Levi P. Spelman, | May 2, 1860, | Minister, | Covert. |
| Henry H. Smith, | Sept. 7, 1873, | Minister, | Hopkins. |
| James F. Taylor, | Jan. 11, 1835. | Without Charge, | Saugatuck. |
| Charles Temple, | Oct. —, 1851, | Retired, | Otsego. |
| Chauncey F. Van Auker | a, Sept. 14, 1879, | Minister, | Charlevoix. |
| Waters Warren, | , 1832, | Retired, | Three Oaks. |
| Edward C. Winslow, | Nov. 2, 1881, | Minister, | Galesburg, |
| Newel S. Wright, | August 7, 1873, | See Business, | Detroit. |
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Licentiate

Clement J. Strang,

Keeler.

IX.—LAKE SUPERIOR CONFERENCE.

| Total2 | Calumet Hancock | Name. | CHURCHES |
|-----------|---|------------------------|-----------------|
| | July, 19, 1873 June 4, 1862 | Organized, | Ţ |
| | Robert M. Higgins Ins. Frank N. White Ins. | Minister. | MINISTERS |
| | Ins. Ins. | Relation. | CRS. |
| | July 25, 1880 Oct. 9, 1881 | Commenced Labor. | |
| 129 | 65 | Males. | No. |
| 129 209 | 76 133 | Females. | IN C |
| 338 | 141 197 | Total. | NO. IN CHURCHES |
| 27 | 19 | Absent. | LES. |
| 37 | 10 27 | Profession. | ADJ |
| 23 | 15 | Letter. | orsero |
| 60 | 18 42 | Total. | NG. |
| లు | 2 | Deaths. | Ħ |
| 9 | 72 | Dismissed. | REMOVALS |
| 0 | 00 | Excom. | VALS |
| 12 | ဗာလ | Total. | 94 |
| 64 | 20 | Adults. | ВАР |
| 29 | 10 | Infants. | PT. |
| 681 | 296 385 | Whole Num Sunday So | ber in |

LAKE SUPERIOR CONFERENCE.

Formed -

Scribe, C. W. NILES, M. D.

Hancock.

Meetings:-

| | | , | |
|---------------------|----------------|---------------------|------------|
| $oldsymbol{N}ames.$ | Ordained. | ${\it Employment}.$ | Residence. |
| Robt. M. Higgins, | Nov. 17, 1830, | Minister, | Calumet. |
| Frank N. White, | Dec. 17, 1881, | Minister, | Hancock, |

X.—LANSING ASSOCIATION.

| ber in | whole Num | 80 40 40 50 50 175 885 105 60 0 0 0 105 91 0 0 106 91 45 45 45 1487 |
|-----------------|---------------------|--|
| PT. | .stastal | 4000-1000000000-1-10 <u>E</u> |
| BAPT | Adults. | 0000000000000000410 |
| -: | Total. | 07800044108000840820 87 |
| ALS | Excom. | 010000000000000000000000000000000000000 |
| REMOVALS | .bssaimaid | 55 00000000000000000000000000000000000 |
| - E | Desths. | 00100041104008000880 8 |
| , N | Total. | 020000000000000000000000000000000000000 |
| ADMISSIONS | Letter. | 02002012008004010404 |
| ADM | Profession. | 00 0 010004400000040001 3 |
| LES. | Absent. | 22 1 1 1 1 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 |
| NO, IN CHURCHES | Total. | 382 1120 202 203 305 805 805 805 1200 1200 1200 1200 1200 1200 1200 12 |
| NCI | Females. | 88 % 11 4 8 6 1 4 4 5 6 9 5 8 8 8 8 9 6 9 8 4 8 8 1 4 8 1 4 8 1 1 4 8 1 1 1 1 1 1 |
| NO. 1 | Males. | 23 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 |
| | Commenced Labor, | June 24, 1883 Feb. 24, 1883 Nov. 15, 1880 June 3, 1883 May 15, 1880 July 16, 1883 July 16, 1883 June 1, 1883 June 1, 1883 Nov. 1, 1883 Nov. 1, 1883 Dec. 7, 1883 Dec. 7, 1883 June 1, 1883 |
| Ď, | Relation. | |
| MINISTERS | Minister. | #Nathaniel K. Evarts* *Nathaniel K. Evarts* #Robert Hovenden #Robert Hovenden #Robert Hovenden #Robert Hovenden #N. Dimic Glidden #Darius Bettes Theodore P. Prudden #Joseph A. Barnes #Joseph A. Thrush Augustine G. Hibbard #Robert Hovenden #Joseph A. Barnes #Robert Hovenden #Joseph A. Barnes |
| HES. | Organized. | June 16, 1872 Nov. 24, 1872 Nov. 24, 1873 Nov. 24, 1853 Aug. 12, 1879 June 5, 1855 Mar. 13, 1855 Mar. 13, 1855 May 14, 1880 Feb. 25, 1877 Feb. 26, 1871 Sept. 28, 1871 Sept. 28, 1871 Sept. 28, 1877 Nar. 21, 1868 Mar. 21, 1868 Mar. 21, 1868 Oct. 28, 1877 Oct. 18, 1878 Oct. 18, 1878 |
| CHURCHES | Лате. | Carson City———————————————————————————————————— |

*Of Grand River Conference. †Of Eastern Association. ‡Of Northern Central Conference. ‡Of Congregational Union of England. **No report since 1879. ¶Of Staffordshire Congregational Union. ¶Rel. not given.

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LANSING ASSOCIATION.

Formed March 30, 1880.

Scribe, Rev. HENRY MARSH.

Meetings:-Fourth Monday of March and September.

MINISTERIAL MEMBERS.

| Names. | . Ordained. | Employment. | Residence. |
|-----------------------|-----------------|--------------------|----------------|
| *Stephen A. Barnard, | Jan. 13, 1830, | Retired, | Lansing, |
| George W. Bothwell, | Oct. 3, 1875, | Minister, | Portland. |
| Henry E. Brown, | Sept. 13, 1866, | Evangelist, | Lansing. |
| John J. Bunnell, | Oct. 1, 1860, | Sec. Business, | Cedar Creek. |
| Augustine G. Hibbard, | Dec. —, 1854, | Minister, | Stanton. |
| Henry Marsh, | April 23, 1875, | Minister, | Edmore. |
| Drummond McCunn, | June 20, 1880, | Minister, | Grand Ledge. |
| Charles Parker, | Oct. 9, 1870, | Farmer, | Salem, Oregon. |
| James L. Patton, | Oct. 28, 1862, | Minister, | Greenville. |
| Theodore P. Prudden, | Dec. 22, 1874, | Minister, | Lansing. |
| Wm. H. Skentlebury, | July 7, 1875, | Minister, | South Haven. |
| Leroy Warren, | Oct. 12, 1862, | Supt. H. Missions, | Lansing. |
| James Watts, | Sept 6, 1857, | Sec. Business, | Shelby. |
| Jesse A. S. Worden, | Sept. 26, 1867, | Minister, | Saranac. |

Licentiate.

A. A. Doyle,

Laingsburg.

^{*}Died June 24th, 1883.

XI-MARSHALL CONFERENCE.

| | Whole Num | 0.05.00.00.00.00.00.00.00.00.00.00.00.00 | 1655 |
|------------------|---------------------|--|---------|
| . I. | Infants. | OOOOOHOMOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOO | 6 |
| BAPT | Adults. | 1 02000 L 2000 | 83 |
| | Total. | 2000 50 | 193 |
| VALS | Excom, | 000000000000000000000000000000000000000 | 411 |
| REMOVALS. | .bsssimaid | 6211721100000 IE 04450 | 169 |
| <u> </u> | Desths. | 0 cc cc cc cc cc cc cc cc cc cc cc cc c | 20 |
| NS. | Total. | 0000 000 000 000 000 000 000 000 000 0 | 144 |
| ADMISSIONS. | Letter. | 1142000000000 Z 4040 | 50 |
| ADN | Profession. | 11000000000000000000000000000000000000 | 94 |
| IES. | Absent. | 01212000 4611 661 661 661 661 661 661 661 661 66 | 285 |
| NO. IN CHURCHES. | Total. | 253882 263885 263888888888888888888888888888888888888 | 1517 |
| IN CE | Femsles. | 1128 1128 1128 1129 1142 1142 1143 1143 1143 1143 1143 1143 | 186 |
| NO. 1 | Males. | 29 11 11 11 12 13 15 15 15 15 15 15 15 15 15 15 15 15 15 | 536 |
| | Commenced Labor. | Apr. 1, 1883 Nov. 1, 1881 Aug. 7, 1881 Aug. 7, 1881 Aug. 7, 1881 Oct. 3, 1882 Nov. 14, 1882 Nov. 14, 1883 Feb. 1, 1883 Sept. 20, 1875 Oct. 1, 1883 Nov. 5, 1883 Nov. 5, 1883 Nov. 5, 1883 | |
| RS. | Relation. | i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i | |
| MINISTERS | Minister, | Frederick W. Bush. John R. Bonney. John R. Bonney. Stephen O. Bryant. Orange H. Spoor. Andrew J. Hadley. Fred. C. Wood. Henry Coate. Dwight P. Breed. Fred. C. Wood. Andrew J. Hadley. *Albert Livermore *Albert Livermore Henry M. Goodwin. Joseph L. Daniels. Joseph Estabrook. Joseph Estabrook. Horace R. Williams. Charles Spooner | |
| | Organized. | June 25, 1848 May 5, 1868 May 5, 1868 Jan. 26, 1851 Apr. 29, 1879 June 15, 1842 June 15, 1843 Apr. 26, 1865 Nov. 30, 1865 May 10, 1867 May 14, 1837 Apr. 9, 1888 May 15, 1678 Oct. 6, 1877 June 21, 1872 Feb. 28, 1838 Apr. 20, 1845 | |
| CHURCHES | Name. | Bedford——————————————————————————————————— | Total20 |

*Of Chippewa and Mackinac Conference. †Of Grand River Conference. ‡Of Congregational Union of Ontario. §No report since 1881. **Last Year's Report.

MARSHALL CONFERENCE.

Formed August 18, 1847.

Scribe, Rev. D. PAYSON BREED.

Meetings:-On the last Wednesday in April and October.

| Names. | Ordained. | Employment. | Residence. |
|-------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| Miles E. Bacon, | Dec. 29, 1880, | Minister, | Ashton, Dak. Ter. |
| Walter M. Barrows, | Nov. 1, 1872, | Sec'y A. H. M. S., | New York City. |
| John R. Bonney, | Jan. 18, 1863, | Minister, | Bronson. |
| D. Payson Breed, | Jan. 15, 1873, | Minister, | Eaton Rapids, |
| Stephen O. Bryant, | Feb. 13, 1868, | Minister, | Ceresco. |
| Frederick W. Bush, | May 6, 1876, | Minister, | Bedford. |
| Horatio Q. Butterfield, | Oct. 5, 1854, | President, | Olivet. |
| Cornelius S, Cady, | Sept. 2, 1845, | Retired, | Ann Arbor. |
| Henry Coate, | July 8, 1874, | Minister, | Marshall. |
| Joseph L. Daniels, | April 27, 1876, | Professor, | Olivet. |
| Joseph Estabrook, | Oct 1852, | Professor, | Olivet. |
| Reuben Everts. | Sept. 30, 1858, | Without Charge, | Battle Creek. |
| Henry M. Goodwin, | Feb. 19, 1851, | Professor, | Olivet. |
| Andrew J. Hadley, | Sept. 16, 1874, | Minister, | Olivet. |
| Oramel Hosford, | Feb. 24, 1858. | Professor, | Olivet. |
| William A. James, | May 1st, 1867, | Minister, | Minneapolis, Minn. |
| A. M. McConnoughey, | Aug. 23, 1842, | Without Charge, | Wahyamega. |
| Henry C. Morse, | Feb. 12, 1846, | Farmer, | Union City. |
| Oliver E. Murray, | Sept 11, 1878, | Minister, | Plankinton Dak. |
| Charles Spooner, | Sept. 18, 1837, | Minister, | Olivet. |
| Orange H. Spoor, | Nov. 1, 1861, | Minister, | Charlotte. |
| James Verney, | Oct. 7, 1868, | Minister, | Vernon. |
| Horace R. Williams, | May 5, 1864, | Minister, | Vermontville. |
| Wolcott B. Williams, | Feb. 2, 1854, | Agt. Olivet Coll'ge | , Charlotte. |
| Fred. C. Wood, | March 22, 1881, | Minister, | Lacey. |

XII.—NORTHERN CENTRAL CONFERENCE.

| | Whole Num Sunday So | 800 800 800 800 800 800 800 800 800 800 | 1200 |
|-----------------|------------------------|--|---------|
| PT. | .estnefnI | 0104000014808 | 14 |
| BAPT | Adults. | 000000000000000000000000000000000000000 | 35 |
| zó. | .latoT | 240088288476881 | 09 |
| REMOVALS | Excom, | 00000000000 | 67 |
| EMO | .bessimaid | 11408000E | 48 |
| | Desths. | 000000000000000000000000000000000000000 | 10 |
| NS. | Total. | 022-91-84-84-8-125-12-12-12-12-12-12-12-12-12-12-12-12-12- | 130 |
| AD MISSIONS. | Letter. | 0014-4922181480 | 55 |
| AD3 | .noisssion. | 022 07 07 07 07 07 07 07 07 07 07 07 07 07 | 75 |
| HES. | Absent. | 0048148027040 | 128 |
| NO. IN CHURCHES | Total. | ### ### ### ### ### ### ### ### #### #### | 673 |
| IN C | Femsles. | 6163 4 9 165 9 9 14 8 8 9 9 9 9 9 9 9 9 9 9 9 9 9 9 9 9 9 | 439 |
| NO. | Males. | 2601 1022 1022 1022 1022 1022 1022 | 234 |
| | Commeneed Labor. | May 21, 1881 Jan. 22, 1882 Jan. 22, 1882 Feb. 25, 1882 Apr. 16, 1882 Apr. 16, 1882 Feb. 25, 1882 June 3, 1883 Oct. 1, 1881 Sept. 1, 1881 Jan. 30, 1881 July 1, 1882 | |
| RS. | Relation. | | |
| MINISTERS | Minister. | John Morley | |
| ß. | Organized, | Oct. 28, 1879 Dec. 3, 1876 Sept. 15, 1878 Dec. 26, 1872 Oct. 23, 1872 Oct. 23, 1872 Oct. 23, 1872 June 25, 1870 July 9, 1870 July 9, 1870 July 20, 1862 June 1, 1882 Dec. 28, 1872 June 1, 1882 | |
| CHURCHES. | Name, | Baldwin—Baldwin—Big Rapids—Clase—Clare—Custer—East Lake—Farwell—Hersey—Ludington—Manistee—Maxwell—Red City——Tallman | Total13 |

*Licentiate of New Haven Central Association. †Of Hancock Conference, Me.

NORTHERN CENTRAL CONFERENCE.

Formed March 12, 1873.

Scribe, Rev. J. A. BARNES

Meetings:-Second Tuesday in March and Fourth Tuesday in September.

MINISTERIAL MEMBERS.

| Names. | Ordained. | Employment. | Residence. |
|----------------------|-----------------|-------------|--------------|
| Joseph A. Barnes, | Sept. 29, 1881, | Minister, | Williamston. |
| George L. Beach, | May 22, 1873, | Minister, | Dakota. |
| William T. Beale, | June 7, 1882, | Minister, | Manistee. |
| Leander Curtiss, | Feb. 25, 1856, | Minister, | Croton. |
| Alexander Falconer, | Sept. 14, 1879, | Minister, | Custer. |
| Edmund B. Fairfield, | June 15, 1845. | Minister, | Manistee. |
| Matthew S. Gray, | Jan. 9, 1857, | Minister, | Farwell. |
| William McCracken, | Mar. 23, 1862, | Minister, | Big Rapids. |
| John Morley, | July 7, 1874, | Minister, | Chase. |
| Wm. E. Sillence, | July 2, 1879, | Minister, | Manistee. |
| Russell M Keyes. | Aug. 3, 1865. | Minister. | Ludington. |

Licentiate.

Alvin C. Finn, - - - Manton.

XIII.—SOUTHERN MICHIGAN CONFERENCE.

| ř. | Infants. | 000000000000000000000000000000000000000 |
|-----------------|---------------------|---|
| BAPT | Adults. | 00001200000000011041 3 |
| | Total. | 14mgggg11g0g1g0g144 4 |
| ALS | Excom. | 000000000000000000000000000000000000000 |
| REMOVALS | Dismissed. | 14000000000000000000000000000000000000 |
| × | Deaths. | 000000000000000000000000000000000000000 |
| NS. | Total. | 040440400000000000000000000000000000000 |
| ADMISSIONS, | Letter. | 000000000000000000000000000000000000000 |
| 4D3 | Pro ession, | 200001 20000000000000000000000000000000 |
| HES. | Absent. | 000000000000000000000000000000000000000 |
| NO. IN CHURCHES | Total. | 828 84 84 85 85 85 85 85 85 85 85 85 85 85 85 85 |
| INC | Females. | 4864481181188868686868686868686868686868 |
| NO. | Males. | 86 119 119 118 118 118 118 118 118 118 119 119 |
| | Commenced Labor. | Nov. 11874 Apr. 1, 1882 Feb. 28, 1875 Dec. 1, 1882 July 11, 1882 June 10, 1883 Apr. 1, 1874 Sept. 1, 1882 Reb. 16, 1881 Apr. 1, 1882 Reb. 16, 1883 Apr. 1, 1882 Reb. 1, 1881 Apr. 1, 1882 Reb. 1, 1881 Apr. 1, 1882 Reb. 1, 1881 Oct. 1, 1878 Dec, 1872 |
| gg. | Relation, | Lins |
| MINISTERS | Minister. | John Van Antwerp- Elisha W. Miller Theron G. Colton *John V. Hickmott Lysander Kelsey Lysander Kelsey Lysander Kelsey John Van Antwerp *John V. Hickmott Sawyer B. Downer Lysander Kelsey Lysander Kelsey Lysander Relsey Lysander T. Branch Edwin T. Branch †F. Carter |
| ž. | Organized, | Mar. 29, 1859 Jan. 19, 1883 Nov. 29, 1837 Feb. 16, 1848 Feb. 24, 1836 July 14, 1839 Mar. 25, 1888 Mar. 119, 1889 Mar. 119, 1858 June 13, 1847 May 26, 1875 June 13, 1849 Nay 26, 1875 |
| CHURCHES. | Name , | Canandaigua |

*Of Northern Indiana Association. †Of Protestant Methodist Connection. ‡Licentiate of Free Baptist Church,

SOUTHERN MICHIGAN CONFERENCE.

Formed June 17, 1848.

Scribe, Rev. E. W. MILLER.

Meetings:-Third Monday in April and October at 7:30 o'clock, P. M.

MINISTERIAL MEMBERS.

| Names, | Ordained. | Employment. | Residence. |
|---------------------|-----------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| Jesse P. Borton, | Oct. 20, 1880, | Minister, | Ranson. |
| Edwin T. Branch, | Feb. 21, 1849, | Minister, | Somerset. |
| Theron G. Colton, | Sept. 25, 1849, | Minister, | Hudson. |
| Sawyer B. Downer, | May 12, 1875, | Minister, | Prattville. |
| Edmund Dyer, | Oct 1836, | Minister, | Southfield. |
| Samuel Fleming, | Dec 1847, | Without Charge, | Burr Oak. |
| Lysander Kelsey, | Sept 1846, | Minister, | Maybee. |
| Asa Mahan, | | Without Charge, | London, Eng. |
| Elisha W. Miller, | Oct. 23, 1873, | Minister, | Clinton. |
| Calvin S. Shattuck, | Oct. 16, 1849, | Minister, | Litchfield. |
| J. D. Shults, | Sept. 30, 1865, | Secular Business, | Dundee. |
| William D. Stout, | | Secular Business, | Lickley's Corners. |
| John Van Antwerp, | Oct 1847, | Minister, | Morenci. |
| George E. Wilson, | July 11, 1875, | Secular Business, | Pittsford. |
| | T1. | | |

Licentiate.

P. Schemerhorn, - - - North Adams.

XIV.—WESTERN CONFERENCE.

| | Whole Numl | 74 000 000 000 000 000 000 000 000 000 0 | 1226 |
|------------------|---------------------|--|---------|
| PT. | Infants. | 000000000000000000000000000000000000000 | 5 |
| BAPT | Adults. | 04000000000000 | 19 |
| s. | Total. | 02000040002020 | 64 |
| VAL | Excom. | 00000000000000 | 23 |
| REMOVALS. | Dismissed. | 00040240080808 | 33 |
| 22 | Deaths. | 0000000000000000 | 4 |
| NS. | Total. | оговресов | 75 |
| Admissions. | Letter. | 1400000108228 | 45 |
| Profession. | | 220000400000000 | 30 |
| IES. | Absent. | 166 122 160 160 160 160 160 | 95 |
| NO. IN CHURCHES. | Total. | 888404881888888888888888888888888888888 | 615 |
| IN C | Females. | 16 29 29 24 28 8 8 8 8 8 17 17 18 18 19 19 19 19 19 19 19 19 19 19 19 19 19 | 422 |
| NO. | Males. | 25 25 25 25 25 25 25 25 25 25 25 25 25 2 | 193 |
| | Commenced Labor. | Oct. 8, 1882 Jan. 7, 1883 May 20, 1883 May 20, 1883 Feb. 1, 1881 Jan. 7, 1883 Sept. 29, 1877 Jan. 1, 1883 Sept. 1, 1883 Mar. 1, 1883 | |
| ers. | Relation. | | |
| MINISTERS | Minister, | *Leander Curtiss—Francis Wrigley— †Wm. Jones— James A. Craig— Rufus W. Fletcher— Miner W. Fairfield— †Wm. Jones— Clarence Finster—— SLevi F. Waldo—— John Jefferies— Sichard Lewis—— | |
| S. | Organized. | June 3, 1871 July, 24, 1875 Dec. 29, 1873 Apr. 25, 1858 Jan. 29, 1855 Jan. 11, 1874 Apr. 20, 1875 Jan. 11, 1874 Apr. 24, 1877 May 15, 1864 Dec. 20, 1877 May 5, 1868 | |
| CHURCHES. | Name, | Croton Fremont Centre Fruitport Grand Haven Hart. Muskegon Newaygo Nunica Olive Pentwater Pentwater Robinson Shelby White Cloud | Total14 |

*Of Northern Central Conference. †Of Free Methodist Conference of Michigan. ‡Of Grand River Conference. ‡Unassociated. **No Report since 1881. †Last Year's Report.

WESTERN CONFERENCE.

Formed January 13, 1864.

Scribe, REV. RICHARD LEWIS.

Meetings:-Third Tuesday in March and September.

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|---|---|--|---|
| Names. | Ordained | Employment. | Residence. |
| Miner W. Fairfield, Clarence Finster, Rufus W. Fletcher, James P. Galiger, | Oct 1847, March 24, 1878, Jan. 5. 1875, Aug. 8, 1878. | Minister, Minister, Minister, | Muskegon. Allendale. Hart. |
| Henry M. Goodell, John Jefferies, Adam S. Kedzie, Richard Lewis, John C. Mitchell, William Rufus Seaver, W. J. Smith, Francis Wrigley, | Dec. 21, 1876, June 1877, June 3, 1845, Feb. 28, 1864, June 16, 1880, | Minister, Minister, Editor, Minister, Student, Minister, Farmer, Minister, | Blair, Neb. White Cloud. Grand Haven, Whitehall, Yale Seminary, Traverse City. Whitehall. Fremont Center. |

SUMMARY FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 31, 1883.

| | Cheboygan Conference | CONFERENCES AND ASSOCIATIONS. | |
|------------|--|---------------------------------------|---------------|
| 263 | 113 128 282 282 128 128 128 129 120 120 121 121 | No. of Churches in the Conferences. | |
| 13 | 0-0-20-0-500 | Supplied by Pastors. | |
| 210 | 112 8 21 227 120 120 14 24 14 16 16 11 11 11 11 11 | Supplied by not Installed. | CHURCHES. |
| 00 | 12000001200 | Supplied by other De- nominations. | BIHC. |
| 221 | 12 8 21 28 21 15 115 124 124 127 128 129 129 129 129 129 129 129 129 129 129 | Total Supplied. | |
| 88 | 123478884788981 | Vacant. | |
| 13 | 01011201011500 | Installed Pastors. | |
| 220 | 9 36 23 23 23 11 11 12 24 12 12 12 | Not Installed. | M |
| 68 | 11607114641113 | Without Charge. | MINISTERS. |
| 233 | 224 1124 1124 114 115 116 117 117 117 117 117 117 117 117 117 | Total. | GRS. |
| 12 | 01101010008118 | Licentiates. | |
| 5978 | 144 62 999 787 547 629 11.9 629 740 636 536 536 536 536 | Males. | No. |
| 5975 11534 | 225 68 1111 11511 1193 304 1270 1283 794 80 1483 794 422 | Females. | Z |
| 17509 | 369 130 3122 2248 1675 545 1899 2102 2102 1200 1517 673 1076 | Total. | THE CHURCHES. |
| 2421 | 34 10 503 231 212 212 63 244 277 194 285 1188 95 | Absent. | HES. |
| 921 | 62 20 107 1114 42 42 85 86 94 86 86 | | ADI |
| 776 | 1128 1128 1118 1118 118 118 118 118 118 | Letter. | ADMISSIONS. |
| 1720 | 81 29 230 189 168 178 178 113 1111 1144 1130 1110 75 | Total. | SNS. |
|) 215 | | | 1 |
| 831 | 1 | 1 | REM |
| 123 | | 1_ | REMOVALS. |
| 1174 | | | - 0 |
| 41 443 | | | |
| 8 279 | | | BAP. |
| 23863 | 2379 2377 28822: 2979 2306 940- 1681 1681 1687 11687 11687 11687 11226 | No. in the Sunday School | ol. |

CHURCHES.—New.—Bangor, Dexter, (Restored to list,) East Lake, East Newton, Maple Valley, Maxwell, Nashville, Naubinway, Oakley,
Onekama (English), St. Louis.—11.
—Disbanded.—Hunters Creek, Tustin.—2.
—Disbanded.—Thos. G. Baxter, Wm. T. Beale, Henry S. Jenkinson, Chas. S. Keays, Arthur B. Penniman, Chas. H. Perry, Enos B.
Recognized.—7. W. Hough.—1.
Dismissed.—None.
Deaths.—William Mulder, Alonzo Sanderson, Geo. M. Tuthill.—3.
Not Associated.—M. S. Angell, J. A. Craig, Wm. A. Fowler A. B. Penniman, A. S. Wight.—5.
Changes in uninstalled Ministers not mentioned.

BENEVOLENCES.

A TABULAR VIEW OF THE CONTRIBUTIONS

Of the Congregational Churches of Michigan, for the objects named, from March 31, 1882, to April 1, 1883.

| Jron - | n Mar | cn 31, | 1882, | to A | prit | 1, 188 | 53. | A secondario | |
|---|-------------------|--|--|--|---|--|-------------------------|--|---|
| CHURCHES. | A. B. C. F. M. | American Home Missionary Society. | American Missionary Association. | Congregational Univn. | Congregational Publish- ing Society. | Western Education So- ciety. | American Bible Society. | Other Benevolences. | Total Benevolences. |
| Cheboygan Conference. | | | | | | | | | |
| Alba | \$28 75 | 5 00 2 75 | \$16 80 | \$23 00 7 16 1 19 11 19 2 00 | | \$11 19 | | \$15 00 | \$ 3 62 20 00 5 00 46 50 25 00 12 66 40 70 4 00 141 59 5 00 4 75 |
| Chippewa and Mack- inac Conference. | 28 00 | 192 54 | 16 80 | 44 54 | | 11 19 | 4 | 15 00 | 308 82 |
| Bay Mills Mt. Zion Pine Grove St. Ignace Sugar Island Superior | | 4 ()() | | 5 00 | 5 00 | des tale one pay use the first term of the first | | | 2 05 1 75 4 00 18 50 36 70 7 35 |
| Eastern Conference. Almont | 5 00 14 00 | 35 25 51 00 8 80 38 95 498 86 1,015 16 23 04 43 20 6 00 48 50 36 75 29 00 29 00 3 05 16 20 12 67 14 41 76 21 12 08 | 26 51 8 74 213 15 171 39 4 00 10 00 10 00 2 45 43 50 | 770 05 | 71 55 | 26 00 | 10 00 | 3,829 49 2,117 00 42 26 31 00 | 150 36 134 22 8 80 67 85 5,157 66 5,874 14 91 22 74 20 15 00 48 50 67 10 2 00 29 00 24 05 16 20 15 17 72 76 449 51 |

| CHURCHES. | A. B. C. F. M. | American Home Missionary Society. | American Missionary Association. | Congregational Union. | Congregational Publishing Society. | Western Education So-Society. | American B.ble Society. | Other Benevolences. | Total Benevolences. |
|--|------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|-------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|---|
| Eastern Conference. Rochester Romeo Royal Oak St. Clair Utica Wayne White Rock | 39 05 20 00 | 4 00 35 54 25 00 21 00 5 05 | 10 00 11 65 | 5 00 5 00 1 75 | 3 94 | | | | 8 13 1025 42 9 00 39 48 81 05 52 65 6 80 |
| Genesee Conference. | 2387 28 | 2509 44 | 664 61 | 849 23 | 109 99 | 872 06 | 29 22 | 6235 95 | \$13657 78 |
| Alma | 77 83 35 25 2 02 | 14 00 84 08 40 00 9 50 18 00 11 54 | | 4 00 | 4 00 | | 20 00 | | 14 00 424 00 285 25 9 50 28 02 11 54 |
| Essexville Flint, No report | | 12 00 | | | | | | ***** | $\begin{array}{ccc} 20 & 00 \\ 12 & 00 \end{array}$ |
| Genesee Goodrich Grand Blanc Ithaca Laingsburg Oakley | 33 30 | 10 00 37 69 13 00 35 00 | 22 50 | | | | | 5 00 6 70 | 10 00 12 00 100 19 13 00 40 00 100 00 |
| Ovid Owosso Perry St. Johns St. Louis | 29 82 | 40 00 11 15 36 97 9 73 19 35 | ****** | | *** *** *** *** *** *** *** *** *** ** | | 7 93 | | 40 00 40 97 36 97 9 73 40 29 |
| Standish Tawas City Tyrone Vernon Vienna, P. O. Clio | | 13 50 26 28 2 75 20 85 31 72 | 15 30 | 2 50 | | | | 5 00 | 5 00 13 50 26 28 5 25 20 85 68 33 |
| Grand River Confer- | 206 29 | 517 11 | 120 01 | 18 50 | 4 00 | | 27 93 | 492 95 | 1386 79 |
| Ada, 1st | 5 00 25 00 | 22 91 5 85 30 70 1 00 10 05 18 00 | 3 22 | 3 37 2 00 4 45 9 00 3 00 | | | | 13 00 | 26 28 7 85 59 28 35 00 16 27 18 00 33 34 |
| Dorr Village | | 10 34 2 33 373 98 11 10 48 50 20 00 | 6 93 | 2 63 1 20 2 00 | 20 00 | | 2 72 | 2,360 00 30 00 2 00 | 35 34 10 34 5 05 20 00 3,196 98 23 73 129 13 28 00 |
| HudsonvilleLamont LowellMiddlevilleMiddleville | 4 31 | 12 00 4 30 23 36 10 53 20 00 | | 4 25 | | | 1 00 | 107 64 | 28 00 12 00 4 30 23 36 191 34 20 00 |
| y | 369 81 | 624 95 | 263 89 | 31 90 | 20 00 | | 3 72 | 2,545 98 | 3,860 25 |

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| CHURCHES. | A. B. C. F. M. | American Home Missionary Society. | American Missionary Association. | Congregational Union. | Congregational Publishing Society. | Western Education Society. | American Bible Society. | Other Benevolences, | Total Benevolences. |
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SUMMARY OF BENEVOLENCES, PARISH EXPENSES, CHURCH PROPERTY, ETC.,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 31, 1883.

| ni asili | Number of Fam Parishes. | 420 | 119 | 1,680 | 1,244 | 1,220 | 514 | 1,177 | .902 | 273 | 1,062 | 964 | 719 | 857 | . 510 | 11,465 |
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| Estimated | Сһитсһ Едійсе, | \$13,100 00 | 3,000 00 | 245,300 00 | 141,250 00 | 125,750 00 | 11,000 00 | 129,400 00 | 93,400 00 | 20,000 00 | 86,300 00 | 75,300 00 | 44,000 00 | 64,800 00 | 32,500 00 | \$1,085,10000 |
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HOME MISSIONS

IN MICHIGAN.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 31, 1883.

More missionaries have been in commission in Michigan the past year than ever before. For the first time in the history of the state, the number of our missionaries has exceeded one hundred. The largest number heretofore has been ninety-five; this year one hundred and five. More money has been spent in the work than in any year before.

On the other hand, the contributions of the churches this year have been \$2,524.54 less than they were last year; this year \$7,763.85, last year \$10,288.39. But for the legacies, many of our Michigan missionaries would have failed to receive the help promised them. Though so much less than last year, the contributions this year have been greater than in any preceding year except the last. The amount received from Michigan legacies has been larger than ever before, \$13,933.92.

The falling off in contributions is excused, in the case of some churches, by the fact that more than \$4,000 has been contributed to home missionary work in the state in the way of special help to individual churches and mission enterprises. These gifts have been somewhat larger than usual this year. Such gifts do not usually pass through any missionary treasury, and so they are not reported. But these special gifts do not by any means account for all the falling off in contributions. In the Genesee Conference, for example, the contributions fell off more than half. The three largest churches, which contributed more than half that was given in that conference the previous year, have this year

changed pastors; and their contributions were put off on account of this interruption of services. The church in Jackson contributed \$700, the largest sum given by any church. The Jackson conference also contributed a larger amount than any other conference. The churches of this conference averaged \$1.10 per resident church member. In some other conferences the average per member was less than one half this amount; and, in two or three, less than one third. The appended tables show the amount given by every church and every conference, and the average per resident member. The large average of contributions in the Jackson Conference, \$1.10 per resident member, is mainly due to the faithfulness of the pastors, and especially to the example and persevering labor of the conference home missionary committee. In too many cases, our conference committees seem to think their principal duty to consist in writing their autographs on the applications for aid which pass through their hands, and they have too little appreciation of their high calling to lead on the churches to increased giving for this great work of state evangelization.

Our work has made fair progress during the year. A few churches which had been some time vacant, and had fallen more or less into decline, have been supplied and revived in interest. In a body of churches so large as we now have, there is likely to be always on hand some work of this kind, and we must heed the command, "Be watchful and strengthen the things which remain that are ready to die." Thirteen new churches have been organized since the last meeting of the general association. Some of the churches organized the past year are in larger towns than those in which we usually begin new enterprises. About three fourths of our new churches from year to year are organized in small villages and settlements where society is just taking form, and where no other churches exist. In most cases we build where foundations have not been laid by others. But occasionally Christian people in the larger towns desire help to plant a church after the Congregational way; and it is sometimes necessary to help them. This year churches have been organized in Nashville, Bangor, Douglas, St. Louis and Charlevoix. A beginning of good promise has also been made at Cadillac, though the church has not yet been recognized by council. Ten home missionary churches have secured houses of worship at a cost of about \$13,500. Perhaps also the two mission chapels built by Detroit churches might be mentioned here as an interesting item of missionary progress, under the labors of brethren whom we love, though they are not home missionaries. Ten churches which had previously received aid have been self-supporting the past year. There have been a larger number of revivals than usual in the home missionary churches. Many of the churches have had to say, "The Lord hath done great things for us, whereof we are glad."

In the scarcity of ministers for our home missionary churches, we have the past year sought recruits from England. In response to letters written to our Congregational colleges there, eight men came, six of

whom still bear the society's commission in Michigan. Others are on the way this spring. We greatly need here a training school after the pattern of some of the English colleges to fit for the ministry the large number of men somewhat advanced in life, who are strongly inclined to preach but who, by reason of age or family responsibilities, cannot come into the ministry through the ten years course offered by our colleges and theological seminaries. The Lord seems to call many men to preach, for whom a college and seminary course is impracticable; and, if we could find a way to help these men into the work with such preparation as may be practicable for them, we should not long be in want of good men for our home missionary fields. Our traditional methods of training practically close the door to the ministry against many men who would gladly come in, and who, as experience shows, might be very useful.

A new measure in our state work this year has been the appointment of a general missionary for northern Michigan, especially for the work in the Upper Peninsula. This northern two-fifths of the state, which the immigrant has long avoided, is now filling with people. It contains an area a little larger than that of New Hampshire. Massachusetts and Connecticut combined. Its resources are rich and varied. system is developing and forming connections with the great trunk lines of the country. Now is the golden opportunity to plant the first churches of Christ in the new settlements and rising villages along these new railway lines. We cannot afford to leave that part of the state without the gospel to grow into heathenism. Lansing to St. Ignace, the doorway of the Upper Peninsula, is two hundred and sixty-eight miles, and to Marquette, the central city of the Upper Peninsula, the distance from Lansing is four hundred and twenty miles. This vast and far off region must have a resident general missionary, if the work is to be at all adequately cared for and set forward. Your committee last autumn presented this subject to the officers of the society in New York and they cordially approved the plan. Rev. Richard Lewis was appointed to the work at the beginning of the winter, and entered upon it with interest, but found himself, after a brief trial, physically disqualified for it. His successor, Rev. W. G. Puddefoot, has recently begun work; and we ask for him and his work your prayers that, in these new responsibilities, the hand of the Lord may be with him, to plant and to build and to establish the churches of Christ in these distant parts of the state.

In this matter of the appointment of a general missionary for Northern Michigan, we have been only too slow. We cannot overestimate the urgency of the work in these new regions. Already have the people waited too long for the gospel. It is of unspeakable importance that a new settlement or village have the gospel early, before the people become fixed in the habit of church neglect. In the new village, where there is no church and no preaching of the gospel, there is likely soon to be no Sunday. Drunkenness and worse vices pollute and destroy. When such a new village has been going on thus a few years without the gospel,

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missionary work, if undertaken at all, will be at the greatest disadvantage. The habits of the people are fixed in evil. To plant a church in such a community is perhaps more difficult than to plant one in a heathen country where Christ has never been named. Missionary work in such a community is costly and slow and trying to faith. Sometimes it seems almost the only way to wait for the first generation to die before religious institutions can make much headway in such a community. On the other hand, if the gospel can be preached in a new village in the very beginning, it is comparatively easy to gather a church; and habits of church attendance and of outward compliance with religion grow; and the spiritual power of the gospel molds the life of the people. Early training is as important for communities as for individuals. We cannot give the gospel to a new settlement too soon. Wherever people go to establish homes and to organize society, there is an immediate and pressing necessity that the preached gospel should go. We ought to understand this better than we do and to feel it more deeply.

For the next five years or thereabouts we ought to increase our missionary force in Michigan every year and to press forward the work The settlement and growth of the state, and the with utmost zeal development of all its resources will go forward for five years to come more rapidly than ever before. By the year 1890, or perhaps a little earlier, our home missionary work in Michigan may be expected to reach and pass the maximum and thereafter to begin to decrease. By that date the first occupying of the new lands will be mainly completed. All cheap lands will be taken. Most of the counties will be settled throughout their whole extent. The centers of trade and population will be fixed; and the first churches in most of these centers will have been Pine lumbering will mostly be finished. May 31, 1880, according to the census reports, the amount of merchantable pine timber in the state then standing was thirty-five billion feet. The amount cut during the year preceding was four and a half billion feet. The amount of annual cut for each year since has probably been somewhat greater. But if we suppose the rate of cutting to continue from year to year about the same as in 1880, the pine would all disappear by the beginning of 1888. However, as pine becomes scarcer and dearer, it will be used more sparingly. Other woods for many uses will take its place. The pine will not all be gone by 1888; but by that date, or even earlier, Northern Michigan will cease to be mainly a pine lumber country. Further, our hard wood forests are disappearing with utmost rapidity. The manufacture of hard wood lumber for a thousand uses is increasing daily. Iron workers are sweeping whole townships of their timber every year for charcoal. It is thus easy to see that by the year 1890 Northern Michigan will not only have passed out of the condition of a pine lumber country; it will have ceased to be a forest region. The days of the woodman and the pioneer are numbered. There is every reason to suppose that the first settlement of the state will be mainly completed before another national census is taken. After that date it will be no longer

necessary for us to organize churches at the rate of one a month. Congregationalism in Michigan will have attained its full stature or nearly so, though it will continue to grow in circumference and weight, filling out its goodly outlines.

But these are the years of our greatest growth. This is the spring time in the religious history of our commonwealth. Some of the states have passed their spring; and to others spring has not yet fully come. Our spring is now. Everywhere there is life and growth. Every lengthening shoot is full of sap. Now is the time to plant The chief labor of our church planting will be finished in the remaining seven years of this decade, mostly in the next five years. Our spring is passing; it is getting late. It is folly now to make this church planting work second to anything else. Every motive of patriotism and piety and good sense, of Christian wisdom and love to Christ and his kingdom should lead us to give this work of home missions the very first place in our prayers and plans and gifts.

May we not then ask for this cause first your prayers, then larger giving than ever before? Shall we not have the generous help of all the churches? May we not rely on the hearty co-operation of all the pastors, and especially of all the home missionary committees in bringing the claims of home missions to the churches?

And, finally, may we not hope that the women of our churches will do something to help in this great emergency? Have not home missionaries and home missionary wives and children some claim upon the love and care of the women of Michigan? Unless we all do our best, and better than we have done heretofore, there is every reason to expect there will be want in home missionary households in Northern Michigan next winter. At our present rate of giving, there will surely be, unless indeed the missionaries withdraw from the field and leave the people without the gospel.

ARTHUR O. BEMENT, E. F. GRABILL, H. E. BAKER, T. P. PRUDDEN, W. B. WILLIAMS, C. A. GOWER, LEROY WARREN, Executive Committee.

Adopted, Lansing, May 10, 1883.

TABLE OF CONTRIBUTIONS TO HOME MISSIONS, FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 31, 1883.

Showing (1) the number of resident members in every church, (2) the amount paid by every church and (3) the average amount per member contributed by every church.

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